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Enos to fill school board vacancy

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling woman, who ran for the Crawford AuSable Board of Education last year, was appointed to serve a vacancy on the board.

Judith Gorski, a Crawford AuSable Board of Education trustee and retired Grayling High School principal, resigned from the board on Nov. 7, citing family health issues, said Joe Powers, the superintendent for the Crawford AuSable School District.

The remaining board members interviewed candidates Sandy Enos and Rodney Lobsinger, who applied to fill the vacancy, at their regular monthly meeting last week.

The board voted to appoint Enos to fill the vacancy.

"They were happy with both candidates and they felt that the district would be served rather well by either candidate," Powers said.

Gorski had two and a half years remaining on her term, which would have ended in 2010. Enos will have to run for the seat in May 6, 2008, if she wishes to fill out the remaining two years on the board.

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Community Thanksgiving feast served



Photo by Dan Sanderson
Volunteers for the 14th annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner had another successful year, serving 329 meals at the Camp Grayling Armory and delivering 385 meals to people at their homes. Above left, Nancy Brooks and Cortney Hickman, 7, a Grayling Elementary School third grader, man the pie table at the dinner. Lower left, Jackie D'Amour pours some gravy on a plate for William Barclay, who volunteered to help prepare 40 turkeys for the dinner and bagged home delivered meals before enjoying his meal. Lower right, Marybell and John Weaver, of Versailles, Ohio, who also have a cabin on Lake Margrethe, attended the dinner while they were in town for Thanksgiving Day.



Burton Court set to become one-way street

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Burton Court, in downtown Grayling, will become a one-way street next week.

The Grayling City Council, at its last regular meeting, dedicated Burton Court as a one-way city street traveling west. Signs will be put in place and the change will take effect on Dec. 1.

Hilary Owen, development engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation's Grayling Transportation Service Center, was the only person who attended a public hearing on the street proposal.

Owen and city officials discussed the legal ramifications of keeping Burton Court as a two-way street, said Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

Burton Court is only 16 feet wide, and does not meet the state and federal width standards for a two-lane street, Thayer said. City officials do not believe it would be feasible to purchase additional space for the road from downtown business owners.

Additionally, the city faced liability for having Burton Court

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Butzin calls it a career as Grayling city police officer

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After working just over three decades as a police officer, Grayling City Patrolman Bob Butzin called it a career on Friday.

Butzin opted to take advantage of an early retirement offer made by the Grayling City Council after working 26 years for the Grayling City Police Department.

"I appreciate the citizens letting me serve them for 26 years, and working with the sheriff's department and city police was an honor," Butzin said.

Butzin began his career, which spans 33 years, with the Saginaw City Police Department, working there from 1974 until 1980, when he was laid off due to budget cuts. He joined the Grayling City Police Department on July 12, 1980. He worked as a patrolman until 1984, when he was forced to leave due to health issues.

After being cleared to go back to work, Butzin was a deputy for the Otsego County Sheriff's Department from 1986 to 1987, then returned to the Grayling City Police Department when a job opened up.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson
Patrolman Bob Butzin opted to take advantage of an early retirement offer made by the Grayling City Council after working 26 years for the Grayling City Police Department. Above, Butzin plans to pursue part-time employment, travel, spend time with family and enjoying his hobbies during retirement.

Police warn residents about tax return scam

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner is warning local residents about an Internet scam where people are claiming to be the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), promising tax refunds.

Schreiner said a local resident brought him information on the IRS scam, and Grayling City employees have received the same scam e-mail on their work computers.

The scam says that the receiver of the e-mail is eligible to receive a tax refund, and the refund will be placed on their VISA or MasterCard.

The e-mail asks the person to input personal information in order to receive the refund.

Schreiner encouraged residents to not respond to the e-mail.

"I don't believe for a minute that there is anything to this other than a scam," he said.

The IRS maintains a Web site, which warns taxpayers of new e-mail scams. The IRS does not send e-mails to taxpayers to

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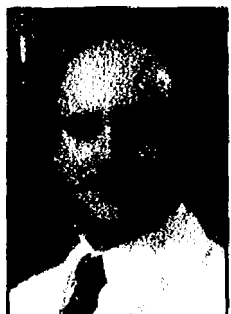
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Deputy Schnoor to serve as DARE officer

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office has a new DARE officer who will encourage the youth to steer clear of drugs and violence.

Deputy Shawn Schnoor will serve as the new DARE officer, teaching classes to youngsters at the Grayling Elementary School.

In October, Schnoor attended a two-week DARE school for potential instructors in London, Ohio. The school included classes held twice a day, weekend assignments and teaching a lesson plan to students at a local school.

Schnoor, who was among a class of 23 officers, said it was the most difficult schooling he has went through as a police officer.

"It's a very strict curriculum," Schnoor said. "They don't set you up to fail, but you could fail if you didn't attempt to do what you were supposed to do."

Schnoor said he was inspired to become a DARE officer after teaching the Junior Deputy program for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office last year.

"By working with the kids, I'm hoping I can make a difference in their lives at some point," he said.

Sgt. Randy Herman will continue to teach the DARE program at the Grayling Middle School and will oversee the overall program for the sheriff's office.

Schnoor will begin teaching DARE classes at the Grayling Elementary School in January, and looks forward to establish-



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Deputy Shawn Schnoor (above) will serve as the new DARE officer, teaching classes to youngsters at the Grayling Elementary School.

ing a rapport between the youth and local law enforcement.

"I'm excited about teaching the curriculum and it's a good curriculum for the youth," he said.

Schnoor has been a deputy with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for seven years. After graduating from the Kirtland Community College Police Academy in 1998, Schnoor held part-time positions as a deputy for the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department and as an officer for the Rose City Police

Department. He then went on to take a position as an officer with the Grayling City Police Department, before joining the Crawford County Sheriff's Office in 2000.

Schnoor's tenure with the sheriff's office included a three-year assignment on the multi-jurisdictional Strike Investigative Narcotics Team (STING) as an undercover officer, which he said will help him relay the message of the DARE program to his students.

"It definitely helps as far as discussing drugs in the class-

room and the affect they have, from what we saw," Schnoor said.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said his goal is to keep providing the DARE program so that it is run efficiently, effectively and kept interesting for the kids.

"I think Shawn is going to be a real good addition to the DARE program," Wakefield said. "Our kids are very important and it's important for their future and ours that they have some understanding of what police officers are all about."

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Butzin calls it a career as city police officer

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"I always wanted to be here, so I came back," Butzin said.

Outside of normal day-to-day complaints, Butzin recalls helping to track down an armed robber from an incident at Rochettes and helping to send three men to prison who chained a woman to a tree, leaving her for dead in the early 1980s, as the most notable cases he was involved with.

"I haven't done anything out of the ordinary that anybody else hasn't done," Butzin said.

Retirement will allow Butzin to spend more time with his five children and six grandchildren.

He is also an avid golfer, scuba diver, plays the guitar and is active at the Heritage Baptist Church.

Butzin said after taking some time off, he will pursue part-time employment in the spring. He and his wife Michele then plan to spend some time on the road, once she is retired.

"We want to travel the country and see some sites," Butzin said.

Butzin's position with the Grayling City Police Department is being eliminated due to budget constraints.

"Until we see some new revenues coming in, we're going to keep contracting and contracting as far as the service we provide," Grayling City Manager David Thayer said. "Some cities are worse off than we are."

Officer Dennis Long will return to serving as a patrolman, eliminating the detective's position at the Grayling City Police Department.

"Amongst the five officers, they will pick up what we need as far as the detective's position," Thayer said.

Woman injured in rollover accident

A 76-year-old Mikado woman was injured in a rollover accident that occurred on an icy road on Saturday.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that deputies were dispatched to the accident, which occurred on North Down River Road, west of Stephan Bridge Road, at 11:40 a.m. on Saturday.

Upon arrival, it was discovered that a westbound minivan, driven by Dolores Travis of Mikado, had skidded across the centerline on the icy roadway

and into the ditch. The van then struck a power pole, snapping it off at the ground. This caused the vehicle to roll over, trapping Travis, who was the sole occupant, inside the vehicle.

Grayling City/Township Fire Department used the Jaws of Life to extricate Travis from the van. A Mobile Medical Response ambulance transported Travis to Mercy Hospital Grayling, where she was then airlifted to the St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital in Saginaw to be treated for head injuries.

Troopers from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police and the South Branch Fire Department assisted at the scene.

Since the recent snowfall that occurred on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Wakefield said there has been seven traffic accidents near the same location.

Law enforcement reminds all drivers to slow down on side roads, due to scattered icy conditions that are extremely hazardous.

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improved — first when it was initially paved — and again as part of the city's recent \$1.3 million downtown streetscape project.

Thayer said the city could have been potentially liable for head on crashes when people tried to cut through Burton Court to

avoid the stop light on Michigan Avenue, and also for people who attempted to make left turns off of Burton Court onto the I-75 Business Loop.

"That was the number one issue, the safety of the people coming onto the Business Loop," Thayer said.

The city council had the option of closing off Burton Court, keeping it a service alley for downtown businesses.

"What Burton Court has become is far more than that," Thayer said.

By dedicating Burton Court as part of the city street system, the city will be eligible for additional state revenue funds through Public Act 51. The act governs the Michigan Transportation Fund, which includes money gathered from fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees and other miscellaneous automobile-related taxes.

Money received from the state transportation fund is used to maintain the city street system. The addition of Burton Court means about an extra eighth of a mile will be included in the city's formula to receive the state funds.

"It's not a lot, but it helps," Thayer said.

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Senator supports Operation Sock Monkey



Crawford County Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson recently visited with Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, to discuss state library issues during a Michigan Library Association conference in Lansing. Above, Mansfield-Sanderson gave Stamas a sock monkey, created to look like him, that was made by her and Operation Sock Monkey volunteer Bonnie French. The library system and volunteers spearheaded Operation Sock Monkey to support the children of military troops fighting the war on terrorism while they are overseas.

Layoffs loom without higher hunting and fishing fees, DNR warns

by Jeff Riley Jr.
Capital News Service

For the cost-conscience hunter or angler, there's no better place in the Midwest than Michigan.

"We're the bargain basement for hunting and fishing fees," said Mary Dettloff, press secretary for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Those fees haven't been raised since 1996, she said. But without an increase now, the DNR will be forced to cut more than it already has.

Without higher license fees, the department plans to eliminate 14 conservation officers. Currently there are 141 officers in the field, an all-time low, she said.

Lt. Dean Molnar, DNR law supervisor for the 11-county Cadillac district said, "Right now, as short as we are, surrounding officers are having to pick up the extra workload."

Officers from one county are forced to cover problems in surrounding counties that don't have coverage, which increases driving time, response time and workload, he said.

More cuts would make it difficult to protect people's safety and the natural resources, Molnar said.

The low number of officers in the field worries Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), said Amy Spray, a resource policy specialist for the group. MUCC is the state's largest conservation organization.

Fewer officers could mean an increase in poaching and accidents, and a slower response times, she said.

"I think there's a number of concerns there," she said.

Dettloff agrees that the cuts would hurt response times.

If we're going to cut 14 officers in addition to the 20 unfilled openings we have now, it's going to make response time slower. It's going to make it look like we don't care, but we do care," she said.

However, she said the DNR isn't worried about an increase in poaching, though investigations will take longer to complete.

"Poachers are always going to poach," she said.

A legislative proposal to increase license fees by 25 percent has been stuck in committee since the spring, she said. Another option being considered is a two-year increase of \$5 per license, she said.

Currently, resident hunting

licenses range from \$1 (junior small game) - \$80 (combination deer), while resident fishing licenses range from \$1 (military personnel) - \$28 (all-species).

MUCC favors the \$5-a-year increase for the next two years because it would cover the projected deficit and give the department time to figure out other solutions, Spray said.

Meanwhile, Rep. Joel Sheltrown, D-West Branch, is proposing to earmark one-sixth of the sales tax collected on the sale of sporting goods as an alternative to higher fees. Any increase in fees is not a political reality, he said.

"We're losing 3 percent of sportsmen every year. Raising the fees will just drive more hunters out of the state," he said.

The proposal would generate about \$20 million in revenue, which would more than cover the department's \$8 million shortfall, he said.

"That would be enough to stave off any increase for a number of years," he said.

Dettloff said that the recent budget problems and tax increases are one reason it's been difficult to raise fees.

"The Legislature is just a little gun-shy after raising taxes," she said.

None of the money from the recently approved tax hike is earmarked for the DNR, she said. Without the needed funds, the department will continue to make service cuts, as it has for the last few years, she said.

"We've cut \$20 million since 2005. There's nothing left to cut that doesn't bleed," she said.

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Enos ran for the board in 2006, when Gorski was elected to her seat for the board.

Enos is a Head Start home-based teacher. She is married to her husband Morris (Moe) Enos, and has two sons, Steven, 13, an eighth grader at the Grayling Middle School, and Jeffrey, 12,

a Grayling Middle School seventh grader.

Enos said she had already planned to run in the next school election before the vacancy on the board opened up, and looks forward to getting involved with school issues.

"My desire to be in the school system is still very strong," Enos said. "I'm just very excited about being able to be involved with the school system, and hopefully, I can bring some fresh ideas to the board."

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advise them of refunds or request financial information, and does not initiate contact with taxpayers through e-mail, according to the web site. Additionally, the IRS does not solicit contributions to charitable causes, which was the subject of a recent scam seeking donations to help the victims of the Southern California wildfires.

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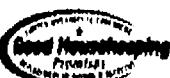
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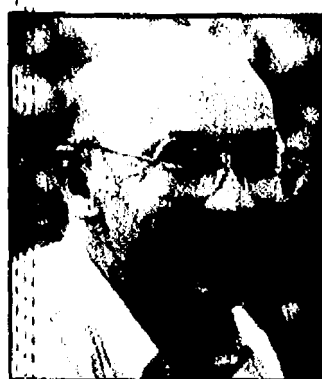
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

On again, off again primary is on again

MICHIGAN'S JANUARY presidential primary – which was approved, then denied – is back on the front burner.

After surviving a legislative battle and struggling through Michigan's court system, the primary will be held on Jan. 15, providing Michigan voters meaningful input on which candidates will run for president next November.

There's one caution: It's a go at the time this essay is written, but considering recent Michigan politics and government, nobody really knows what will happen next.

As *The Detroit News* observed editorially when the Michigan Supreme Court approved the primary: "We won't believe it's here to stay until the polls open on Jan. 15."

Personally, I suggest skepticism until all the votes are counted.

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THE PRIMARY includes some strange provisions, which have been ruled legal by the Supreme Court – legal but not necessarily advisable.

Under the law, prospective voters must ask for either a Republican or Democratic ballot. This is not an open primary, where a voter can choose one party or the other in the secrecy of the voting booth; it demands open party identification.

Election workers then list which voters select which ballot, and this information is available only

to the particular political party, providing names and addresses of thousands of voters for each party – a ready made bonanza for political mailing lists, phone calls, fund raising and other partisan politicking ... all at no charge to the party.

Holding the primary, incidentally, is expected to cost about \$10 million.

These points have been widely publicized, but many prospective voters likely will be surprised when forced to choose one party or the other right out there in public, and realize their names will go on party lists for whatever use party leaders choose.

There is no place for independent voters in the Michigan primary.

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QUESTIONS OF constitutionality arose.

Mark Grebner, a Democratic activist in East Lansing who is in the business of selling lists of names for politicians, businesses and other purposes, sued because only the parties and not the public are entitled to the primary voter lists. Mr. Grebner claimed the primary lists are worth several million dollars, and because only the parties, not the public, will benefit, the primary is illegal.

An Ingham county circuit judge agreed, and on appeal, a Michigan court of appeals panel on a 2-1 vote also agreed. The state appealed further, and the state supreme court on a 4-3 vote overturned both courts and ruled the primary is constitutional.

According to an Associated Press report, the four-member Supreme Court majority reasoned that "political parties serve a public purpose by enlightening the public and encouraging an informed decision-making process" so providing sole access to voter information to the parties is perfectly okay; the dissenting justices warned of "bad consequences for Michigan citizens in the future."

I'm neither attorney nor judge, but to me the court majority opinion sounds more like political reasoning than legal reasoning.

It's a close legal call. On the judicial scale, more judges voted against the primary than for it, counting one circuit judge, two appeals court judges, and three Supreme Court jurists. On the other side were only one appellate judge and four Supreme Court judges.

That makes six judges who ruled the primary is illegal, and only five jurists who decided the primary is constitutional.

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HOW MANY candidates will appear on the ballot is not clear as this is written.

The Republican ballot will carry the full slate of avowed candidates, but the Democratic ballot may carry only the names of Hillary Clinton, Mike Gravel, Chris Dodd and Dennis Kucinich. The names of four other prominent but reluctant candidates, who opted out of the Michigan primary – Joe

Biden, Barack Obama, John Edwards and Bill Richardson – may be added anyway. Who knows?

A bigger problem may be the mechanics of the primary. The normal timetable for state and local election officials is constricted. For example, absentee ballots be printed, requested, mailed and returned all within about 45 days?

Not under ordinary circumstances ... but the 2008 presidential campaign is not being conducted under ordinary circumstances.

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CLARIFICATION – The Thanksgiving Almanack may have been misleading in one respect. I wrote that the first official Thanksgiving was declared by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 as the fourth Thursday in November, and that in 1939 President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the second-to-last Thursday in November. They did, but I left it at that. Congress, however, did not. In 1941, Congress directed that for the following year and thereafter, Thanksgiving would be the fourth Thursday in November, and it still is today.

This note is offered just to set the record straight and the chronology complete.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Not all jobs are created equal

To the editor:

I grew up in Grayling and frequently return to visit my parents who still live in town. I also subscribe to the *Avalanche*, where I have read all of the news articles and editorials regarding the proposed theme park. Broadly speaking, those in favor of the theme park believe that it will provide needed jobs to the area and will bring more tourists to town who will sustain local businesses. Again, broadly speaking, those opposed to the theme park believe it will be unsustainable on a long-term basis, will cause environmental damage, and will not provide the needed economic stimulus to the Grayling area.

I think that those on both sides of the proposed theme park issue can both agree on the fact that jobs and economic development are essential to the future sustainability of Grayling and the surrounding Crawford County. To continue the conversation, I first ask you to consider forms of economic development that have already worked in Grayling. We have allowed plants that are subsidiaries of larger corporations to operate in Grayling; these are plants that hire a skilled, local labor force and pay a livable wage. We have made it possible for out-of-towners and Crawford County residents alike to open

small businesses. We have recently made the downtown more eye appealing and pedestrian friendly in a way that should encourage others to open businesses.

Next, I ask you to consider forms of economic development that have worked in other rural areas. Those forms are similar to what is already working in Grayling. Bringing in skilled, not minimum-wage jobs, encouraging small businesses to open, and developing an attractive Main Street (with businesses that are not boarded up). I find little evidence of a rural area becoming completely revitalized by merely opening an amusement park that depends on out-of-towners, not locals, to sustain it. I believe we should focus on and build upon economic development that has already worked (in Grayling and other rural areas) and that is sensitive to our natural resources. Not all jobs are created equal. Those that build on local entrepreneurship and encourage a skilled labor force are necessary for Grayling to sustain its economic viability, not those that pay minimum wage and keep families below the poverty line.

Karen Febey
Silver Spring, MD

Grayling needs something to restore its tourism

To the editor:

I have been monitoring the letters regarding the Main Street amusement park for many months and have been meaning to write a letter to express another downstate view, but this was done for me in last week's issue by Brian Hartman from Roscommon.

There are many views on this whole project, and it has been very frustrating that seemingly every contributor from Grayling thanks the downstaters for writing, and then proceeds to discount our opinions by saying something like, "you aren't from here, you don't know what it's like." There are many opinions that make up such a large endeavor and they are all valuable. I would like to reiterate a couple of them.

Almost every letter, both from downstate and the Grayling area, seems to end up saying, "Grayling needs more tourist dollars." Oddly enough the people from downstate are the ones supplying the tourist dollars, so should our opinions not be very valuable? We have been paying Grayling taxes for over 40 years, and if the character of the area changes from what we most enjoy about it, we would consider finding a place elsewhere. There has to be some balance of

what's profitable and what doesn't totally change the area.

The question of viability of this type of park is a very valid and important one. The end result of such a development would be either a more prosperous (though probably less relaxing and more congested) area, or the disastrous failed development that would be an eyesore for many years. I have no answers about how this will turn out but market studies and survey seem very essential.

One infrequently mentioned concern to us has been lighting. I'm sure that most Grayling residents and visitors love the night sky that you just can't find in the city. I know there are claims that the lighting will be "low profile" and only the ferris wheel will throw light, but I suggest that this is very closely evaluated, because it would greatly change the area's character if not properly managed.

There are definitely very valuable points from both sides, so why can't we listen to everyone's opinions and consider the value in them? Grayling needs something to restore its tourism. If this is it, or not, why can't we all work together to find what the solutions can be?

Ron Flannery
Highland

Is the glass half empty or half full?

To the editor:

For months now we have seen a barrage of negative comments regarding the proposed new theme park in the Grayling area. The attempt to paint a glass that is half empty is filled with sour milk.

It seems some of the more vocal negative comments come from down-state residents that have a northern vacation home here in our area. They are concerned that progress will in some way diminish their "pristine" woodlands. The great outdoors us locals enjoy must be preserved for our children and grandchildren.

You see, I too was a down-stater. Almost 50 years ago my parents bought a small piece of land up here and over the years built a very modest summer home. My wife and I moved up here a couple of years ago and as a "local" have seen the need of this area to provide some semblance of income for the locals and their offspring.

We are now beginning to understand the plight of rural communities to exist in light of unemployment, high energy costs and high gas prices.

There is no white rabbit that can be drawn from a hat that will make the rural woes go away. Only careful planning by those having a sincere commitment to the community and public officials with the integrity to make the tough decisions that lie ahead.

I believe the residents and business owners in this area must take a look around, take the blinders off and take positive steps for the future of our community.

In the past, various proposed investments by retailers and commercial businesses have been nixed by fear of the future and the fear of how it would change our quaint community. That fear keeps us driving

down to Houghton Lake or up to Gaylord to get the best deals on food, household goods, clothing and auto fuel.

That fear and lack of community support can create more, empty storefronts, more closed schools and absolutely no hope for our children.

A recent writer mentioned the minimum wage jobs it would bring. What do we have to offer now? The current unemployment rate, failed small businesses and lack of opportunity for our children, provides little hope for the future.

Even seasonal jobs provide employment for those advancing their education.

The development process is intricate and requires many important decisions to be made. Zoning, traffic control, associated residential and commercial development, public safety and community services must all be addressed.

Your elected officials are expected to make these decisions in a legal and professional manner on behalf of the community and in its best interest.

It is your responsibility to elect those competent in addressing these needs and attending community meetings and forums to assure oversight of this project.

I don't believe the proposed park will be the solution to all of our problems, but at this time it's a plan that provides hope.

As the community leaders we have chosen sit down at the table, have them order up a full glass of hope and a full plate of professionalism (and let's keep our eyes on our fries).

Watch for those that are trying to trip the waiter who may be bringing you the best meal you have had in a long time.

Jim Dikin
Beaver Creek Twp.

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and

telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

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BRIEFS

Christmas Village and Train open house

Goodale's Christmas Village and Train open house will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2, from noon - 4 p.m., 1629 Industrial Drive. Admission is cash donations or canned goods for the Crawford County Christian Help Center.

GHS choirs to present Madrigal dinner

The 7th Annual Madrigal Dinner will be presented by the Grayling High School Choirs at 6:30 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 14, and Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Grayling High School "Castleteria". It will be an evening of medieval merriment, minstrels and music. The royal menu consists of hearty beef stew in a stone ground wheat bread bowl, a salad of field greens, fruit cobbler, wassail and beverages. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$8 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at Riverland Gear, or from any GHS Choir member. For more information, call 344-3527.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Éric Dawson, from Flowers By Josie, will present a program on the making of evergreen arrangements. There will be a cookie swap and time to work on individual projects. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 348-8519.

Moose Lodge to have Santa Claus

Santa will be at the Grayling Moose Lodge on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. All children ages 0-8 will get their picture taken with Santa, a toy and a stuffed stocking.

Church to hold soup supper

Bear Lake Christian Church, on M-72 west, between Grayling and Kalkaska will host a soup supper on Dec. 7, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. There will be four kinds of chili, breads and dessert for \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds go to building the church pavilion. Sponsored by the Womans Group.

Chamber to hold open house

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Holiday Open House on Friday, Nov. 30, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the chamber office in the Grayling City Park, 213 N. James St. Stop in for a warm drink and goodies throughout the day. Meet the Ambassadors Club Members, the Board of Directors and see the recent updates to the chamber building.

Community calendar now available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new website. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Eagles Hunters Ball

Winners of the Grayling Eagles Hunters Ball raffle were: first place - Larry Duvall Jr.; second place - Grant Hayter; Jim Martin - third place; fourth place - Phil Lewis and Bill Holton; and fifth place Jim Kretzinger.

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Nov. 25 of \$25 each: Harold Marquardt, Jan Besonen and Dan Canfield.

Grayling Promotional Association

Raffle winners for the Grayling Promotional Association Festival of Trees were: tree sponsor was the Avalanche, the winner was Gail Swope; tree sponsor was Riverland, the winner was John Yoder; tree sponsor was Basic Communication, the winner was Joe Dell; the small GPA tree was won by Marie Hammond; Scott McNamara Ford tree was won by Ben Warsko; the tree by Jack Millikin was won by Mark Hartman; tree by Northland Federal Area Credit Union was won by Clairene Jorella; tree by Northern Lawn and Homecare was won by Hodgson Houghton; the \$540 gift certificate tree was won by Kathleen Schultz; the Senga Hornsey Barbie tree was won by Tammy Chmielewski; the A Cut Above tree was won by Isabel Duba; the District Health Department tree was won by Flo Lucksted; tree by Spikes Keg O' Nails was won by Diane Noelke; tree sponsored by Caring Touch Nursing Home was won by Julie Hickman; tree by Xpress Copy Center was won by Gin Hart; tree sponsored by Cub Scouts 3993 was won by Shannon Verklan; Alexis Cherven Santa tree was won by Wyatts; the Heads Up North tree was won by Lois Stradling; Commission on Aging's tree was won by Hodgson; tree by the Flying Fish Lodge was won by Carole Zeisman; tree by

Grayling Restaurant was won by Missy Hull; the Smith Barney tree was won by Lisa Burmeister; tree by Salon Rue' was won by Sydney Klee; the Animal Shelter's tree was won by Sue Schwartzberg; the tree by Huntington National Bank was won by Angie Pickell; and the AuSable Red Hatters tree was won by Sharon Watts. The GPA silent auction tree was won by Amy Leonard and the tree by Flowers by Josie was won by Dawn Burrick.

The Festival of Trees gift winners were: a Weyerhaeuser \$250 gift card won by Rod Mabesa; a garden club small gift basket won by Mary Everly; garden club large gift basket won by Nancy Hunt; three GPA centerpieces were won by Madison Junttila; AAA centerpiece was won by Diane Noelke; GPA Bear on Bike was won by Nancy Walker; Lisa Oliver evergreen arrangement was won by Karen Depprro; Sherry Hanson cedar chest was won by K. Schafer; Grayling Chamber wreath was won by Judy Eastman; Cornell Insurance girls bike was won by Jack Trudgeon; Northrop Tree and Crane boys bike was won by Kevin Trowbridge; Racann Schanz wood table was won by Cassie Campbell; GPA wreath was won by K. Lietz; Laura Purill light up mouse was won by Mo McNamara; GPA wreath won by Mo McNamara; GPA wreath won by Shirley Schmooek; and a GPA wreath was won by Elsie Jansen.

Celebrate Christmas at the shelter

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, in Grayling, will ring in the holiday season this Saturday, Dec. 1, with two special events.

The shelter will open at 10 a.m. and the staff invites the public to come in and see all the wonderful, affordable gifts available to surprise both your two-legged and four-legged friends at Christmas.

There are pet gift baskets, collars, leashes, pet beds and lots of Christmas themed pet toys, all donated to help raise funds for the shelter.

For people gifts, there are note cards with artwork, donated by local artist Kim Diment, board games such as Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Puppy-Opoly and more, stocking stuffers, homemade rock candy, and \$5 candy buckets. A special drawing for a \$50 gasoline card will also be held.

Tours of the new shelter, and introductions to dogs and cats awaiting adoption, will be offered all day.

At 12 p.m., Santa will arrive for this year's session of Pet Photos with Santa. Photos will be taken until 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary and people are welcome to join their pets for the sitting. A package of photos will be available for a donation of \$20.

At 6 p.m., join the shelter staff and volunteers for the first-ever "Paws to Cherish" tree lighting event to celebrate the animals that have brought such

joy into our lives. For a donation of \$5, honor a pet by placing a "Paws to Cherish" ornament on the shelter's very first Christmas tree, generously donated by the Scott McClain Family.

Pre-order ornaments by filling out a form at the shelter, Crawford County Avalanche, Xpress Copy Center or 7-11 in Grayling.

If you cannot attend, our shelter volunteers will be happy to place the ornament on the tree in your pet's honor. Ornaments will also be available the day of the event.

"We are so proud of our new shelter and welcome everyone to come out this Saturday for this celebration of the pets that have touched our lives, both past and present," said Shelter Director Cheryl Postma.

"Help us decorate and light up this very special tree and help raise funds to care for our homeless dogs and cats at the shelter."

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at 5786 Fairground Lane in Grayling, at the old fairgrounds on Old US-27, just a few miles north of town. Turn left after the big sign.

For more information, call the shelter at (989) 348-4117. Donations may be sent to: AVAS, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384. AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

Mercy Family Care offers quick care clinic

Mercy Family Care - Roscommon announces a new Quick Care Clinic for minor injuries and certain acute illnesses.

Clinic Manager Jennifer Carrick said Physician Assistant Jeff Fox will provide a walk-in clinic for problems such as: sore throats, coughs and colds, seasonal allergies, the flu, skin rashes, female urinary tract infections, sprains and strains, as well as cuts and puncture wounds.

"Quick Care would not provide emergency care for life-threatening illnesses or injuries, or long-term management for chronic health problems," she said. "If someone is experiencing chest pain, showing signs of

a stroke, or uncontrolled bleeding, they should go directly to the nearest emergency room."

Quick Care is offered Tuesday and Thursdays from 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. No appointment is needed. People may also call ahead and schedule a same-day appointment by calling (989) 275-1200 after 8 a.m.

"Quick Care offers easy access for patients with acute problems that need to be seen in a timely manner before work or school," Carrick said. "It provides parents with a quick way to find out if the child should go to school."

Mercy Family Care - Roscommon is located at 234 Lake St. in Roscommon.

Opportunities for your business with the state of Michigan

Representatives from the Michigan Department of Management and Budget will be at the M-TEC in Gaylord on Monday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. to present a "Buy Michigan First" seminar. Whether you sell milk or electrical supplies, commodities or computers, chemicals or construction, or janitorial services, you have potential as a Michigan vendor.

At this seminar, you will learn how to do business with the State of Michigan, how to become a registered vendor, how to bid on state contracts and learn about state resources available to small businesses. If you're ready to build your business and become a State of Michigan vendor, you will want to attend this session.

This event, sponsored by the Procurement Technical Assistance Center at the Northeast Michigan Consortium in Onaway, is free, but registra-

tion is required as seating is limited. For more information, and to reserve your attendance, contact Denise Hoffmeyer at (989) 733-8548 or e-mail Denise@miworks-nemc.gen.mi.us.

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*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

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To request weekday demand response services call dispatch @ 348-5409

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Individuals requiring transportation to the hospital, medical services, not locally accessible, may qualify for free or reduced cost transportation services.

Information regarding transportation services can be obtained by contacting the Health Initiative at 348-8215.

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS*:
Scheduled For December 2007
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Tuesday, December 11, 2007
Odawa Casino-Petoskey
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Trip #2
Thursday, December 13, 2007
Out To Lunch Gang
Traverse City Lunch at Olive Garden Shopping at Mall
Departing the Center at 9:00 am.

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Andrea @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat
*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.
To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Julie @ 348-8215

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The Bible Speaks

Real Christian Servants

The admonition and explanation of the reason we should yield to be real Christian servants is stated in Romans 6:19: "19I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness." Paul uses the analogy of human slavery to admonish us to serve Jesus Christ, righteousness, and holiness with the same intensity we served self, sin, and Satan before we were saved.

Paul is admonishing us to obey the same doctrine he taught us earlier in Romans 6:12,13: "2Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

Obedience to this doctrine and admonition is essential,

"...because of the infirmity of your flesh." Because of the infirmity of the flesh our prayer life is hindered. The Holy Spirit must pray God's will into our lives for us. (Romans 8:26). Jesus Christ, as our understanding High Priest is interceding for our infirmities. (Heb. 4:15). We cannot obey God's law because of weakness of the flesh. (Rom. 8:3). Paul said in Romans 7:18: "18For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." We also must bear the "infirmities of the weak." (Rom. 15:1).

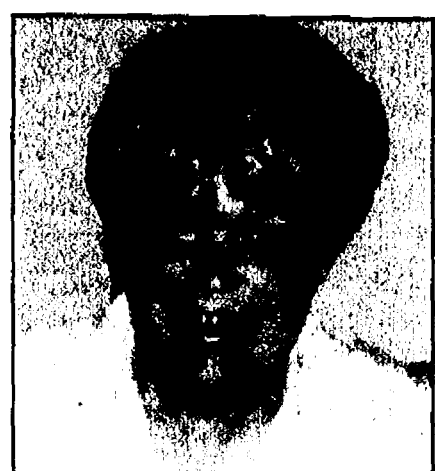
Paul reminds us of the reasonableness of this admonition by comparing how willingly and eagerly we served self, sin, and Satan before we were saved: "for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity." Paul described this in Ephesians 2:2,3: "2Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our

flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." Peter reminds us in 1 Peter 4:2 that we should not live the rest of our time in the flesh "...to the lusts of men, but to the will of God."

Now we come to the requirements of this admonition in Romans 6:19: "even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness." As yielded servants of Jesus Christ, righteousness should become our conduct, and holiness should become our character. "For the love of Christ constraineth us..." (2 Cor. 5:14). God motivates us to yield our members to, "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Phil. 2:12,13). "Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come." (Psalm 71:8). Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES



Nadyne M. Gleason

July 6, 1938 - Nov. 23, 2007
Nadyne M. Gleason, 69, of Grayling, and former long time resident of Bay City, passed gently into the loving arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ, on November 23, 2007, after a long illness.

She was born in Portland, on July 6, 1938, to the late George and Naomi (Clark) Gleason.

She was a member of the Grayling Free Methodist Church. She was a former hairdresser, and graduated from the Murray Academy of Beauty in Pontiac, and was well known for her beautiful handcrafts, sewing, and antique furniture restoration. Her greatest joy came from nature and being out-of-doors, picking blackberries, gardening, feeding the birds and squirrels and walking the shores of the Great Lakes in search of Petoskey stones and Agates.

She was a beloved mother and grandmother.

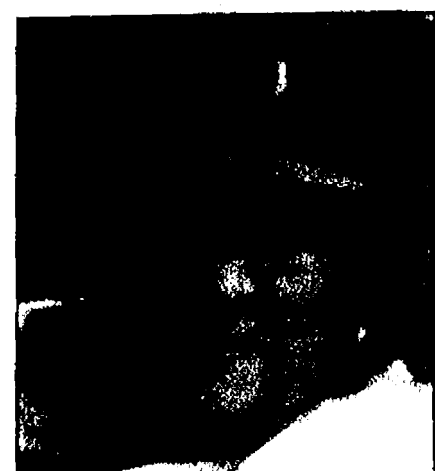
She is survived by her three children: Maria Lee Farris of Murray, Ky., Kimberly Ann Marlowe of Roscommon, Christopher Gene Marlowe and daughter-in-law, Shelia, of Spring Harbor; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother and his wife, George (Irma) Gleason of Yreka, Calif.; aunt and uncle, Walter (Francis) Richardson of Clarksville; three nieces; one nephew; and many cousins.

A graveside service and celebration of her life will take place in the spring at the convenience of the family.

She will be interred with the ashes of her beloved canine companion of 10 years, Missy, who preceded her in death in October 2006.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial gifts be made to either the Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Rd., Kanab, UT 84741, www.bestfriends.org or The National Audubon Society, Dept. W, 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003, www.audubon.org.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.



Wesley W. Smith

April 18, 1937 - Nov. 12, 2007
Wesley William Smith, 70, of Frederic, passed away on November 12, 2007.

He was born in Grayling, on April 18, 1937, to the late David B. and Laura M. (Sammons) Smith.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

He moved to Frederic in 1991 from Lansing.

He retired from Michigan State University where he worked as a mail driver for the university stores.

He is survived by sons: Ward (Debra) Smith of Vermontville, William (Renee) Smith of Algonac; six grandchildren; and brother, David (Janis) Smith of Grayling.

Military honors were accorded by American Legion Post #106, and the U.S. Army, at Elmwood Cemetery on November 17.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Ferdinand A. Korneli

Ferdinand A. Korneli, 80, of Grayling, and formerly of Sterling Heights, passed away.

He was born in Dux, Czechoslovakia, to Ferdinand and Marie (Schmitt) Korneli.

He married Kreszentia Gebhart on February 12, 1955.

He is survived by his children: Maria (Patrick) O'Hare, Ferdinand J. (Sally) Korneli, Kathleen (Mark) Gadowski; seven grandchildren: Kristen O'Hare, April, Evan and Levi Korneli, Christian and Ethan Gadowski; sister, Reli (Sepp) Huber and family of Germany.

He was preceded in death by his wife; and grandson, David O'Hare.

A funeral service was held on November 20, at St. Blase Church.

Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the David O'Hare Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Sterling Heights.

Lena Paulsen

May 18, 1926 - Nov. 23, 2007.

Lena (Lee) Paulsen, 81, of Grayling, passed away on November 23, 2007.

She was born in Waterloo, Iowa, on May 18, 1926, to the late Michael and Metra Boubeff.

She was a secretary and worked in the public schools.

"Her family was her life."

She married Robert Paulsen, on April 26, 1953, in Detroit.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; daughters, Lori J. (Gary) Werner of Brunswick, Ohio, Michelle S. (David) Guerra of Newbury Park, Calif.; sons, Robert F. (Parrish) Paulsen III of Los Angeles, Calif., Michael S. (Jim Kozloff) Paulsen of New York; grandchildren: Ashton Paulsen, Megan and Maxwell Werner, Andrew, Tyler and Benjamin Guerra; and brother, Ted (Fran) Boubeff of Dearborn.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, Kenneth David Paulsen; and two sisters, Sue and Florence.

A funeral service was held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Grayling, on November 26, with Dr. William Cargo officiating.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Lee's name to the Dialysis Center of Gaylord, 1989 Walden Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

The family...of... Howard Moggo would like to express our heartfelt thanks and love to all of our family and friends for their love and kind acts during the loss of our father. The many cards and flowers were most appreciated.

A special thank you to the American Legion Post, and their ladies, for the wonderful luncheon they provided.

A special thank you to Pastor Elizabeth from the Episcopal Church for her wonderful graveside service.

A special thank you to Terri of Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for her caring and kindness.

The many acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

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Morning Worship10:30 am
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Youth Service11 am
Sunday Evening Service6 pm
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Midweek Service Prayer7 pm

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Sunday Holy Eucharist8:30 & 10:30 am

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Sunday School9:15 am

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Sunday Evening Worship6 pm
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DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Immunization clinics: Dec. 5 and 19 by appointment, call 989-348-7800.

Family planning clinic: Dec. 11 and 18. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: Dec. 5, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20 and 27. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Flu clinics: It is not too late, call 989-348-7800 for an

appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call 231- 876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for Dec. 18 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are held in Crawford County at the Head Start building in Grayling on Dec. 3. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

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87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for May 2007

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

Brian Michael Wemigwans, age 20 of Mt. Pleasant - Sentenced on Oct. 9, 2007, for controlled substance possession of marijuana and drove with license not valid/improper license; sentenced to serve 35 days in jail with credit for 25 days served; ordered to pay \$940 in fines; placed on probation for 183 days.

Travis Michael Webb, age 19 of Frederic - Sentenced on Oct. 16, 2007, for motor vehicle-tampering; ordered to pay \$745 in fines and \$2,196.39 in restitution; placed on probation for 183 days.

Tasha Nicole Reeves, age 24 of Lake Orion - Sentenced on Oct. 2, 2007, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve three days in jail; ordered to pay \$660 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Dana Lucas Beckwith, age 28 of East Jordan - Sentenced on Oct. 11, 2007, for ORV-operate license suspended/revoked; ordered to pay \$220 in fines.

Brian Keith Jacobs, age 41 of Frederic - Sentenced on Oct. 2, 2007, for assault/assault and battery; ordered to pay \$530 in fines.

Leonard Floyd Walters, age 38 of Flint - Sentenced on Oct. 2, 2007, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,320 in fines.

Dawn Carol Minard, age 38 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 9, 2007, for disturbance of the peace; ordered to pay \$40 in fines.

Tammy Ann Jackson, age 43 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Oct. 23, 2007, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve 15 days in jail; ordered to pay \$785 in fines; placed on probation for 183 days.

Robert Anthony Pollack, age 50 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 2, 2007, for false report of a misdemeanor; ordered to serve 93 days in jail with credit for 78 days served; ordered to pay \$1,070 in fines; placed on probation for 183 days.

Kathleen Marie Miller, age 51 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Oct. 30, 2007, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$970 in fines; placed on probation for 183 days.

Gary Lee Davis, age 57 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 30, 2007, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$480 in fines.

Danielle Marion Sibilsky, age 22 of Sault Ste. Marie - Sentenced on Oct. 16, 2007, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines.

Marc Shane Carper Jr., age 18 of Hemlock - Sentenced on Oct.

9, 2007, for person under 21-transport/possession in vehicle; ordered to pay \$425 in fines; placed on probation for 183 days.

Magistrate Camarin Talarico
Stephen Ralph Jablonicky, age 48 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 31 2007, for snowmobile operate suspended/revoked/denied and operate unregistered snowmobile; ordered to pay \$325 in fines.

Troy Allen Gasser, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 17, 2007, for person under 21-purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$380 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Brittney Leanne Delarosa, age 18 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Oct. 17, 2007, for minor-possession/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$335 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Dayne Michael Rohn, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 17, 2007, for minor-possession/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$335 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Nicholas Allen Carrothers, age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 17, 2007, for minor-possession/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$335 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Jacob Scott Hurd, age 17 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 17, 2007, for minor-possession/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$335 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

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Kristopher John Minnick, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 17, 2007, for minor-possession/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$335 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Veronica Jane Alexander, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 17, 2007, for minor-possession/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$335 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Kyle August English, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Oct. 17, 2007, for minor-possession/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$335 in fines; placed on probation for 92 days.

Kenneth Keith Kovtun, age 55 of Madison Heights - Sentenced on Oct. 16, 2007, for shine with weapon in possession; ordered to pay \$275 in fines.

Wendell Clayton Woodall, age 28 of Madison Heights - Sentenced on Oct. 16, 2007, for shine with weapon in possession; ordered to pay \$275 in fines.

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- Highest degree possible in candidate's field of study
- Significant life achievement, honor or award
- Significant contribution toward improving the lives of others

If you know someone worthy of this honor, please take the time to fill out a nomination petition. The board will be making the selection by January 21, 2008, and only twenty individuals will be honored this year. The inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame will be displayed proudly in the main entrance at Grayling High School.

The purpose of this program is to not only to honor graduates from our community who have accomplished great things in their lives but also to motivate our students at the high school to set goals for their own future.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 98 complaints the week of Nov. 19 - Nov. 25:

Nineteen general non-criminal complaints, two delinquent minors, one runaway, four false alarm activations, three assault/intimidation/stalkings, two assault and battery/simple assaults, four larcenies, three damage to properties, seven pub-

lic peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, four health and safeties, one conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, 33 traffic accidents, one inspections/investigations-motor vehicle, one inspections/investigations-property, one inspections/investigations-family, six suspicious situations, two driving violations/driving while license suspended and one driv-

ing on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Nov. 29 - Dec. 5 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing Dec. 3 and Dec. 5.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training

requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public. Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 1-989-344-6320.

MILITARY NEWS

Pvt. William J. Lobsinger Army Pvt. William J. Lobsinger has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military

justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

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Lobsinger is a 2006 graduate of Gaylord High School.

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Michigan could put hunting on the map online

by Hayley Outslay
Capital News Service

A proposal to put a digital map on the Web, showing land open to the public for hunting, would promote hunting license sales and encourage tourism in Michigan, supporters say.

"We don't think people realize how close they are to fantastic hunting opportunities," said Department of Natural Resources (DNR) legislative liaison Dan Eichinger. "Twenty-six percent of land is open for public hunting, but not everyone knows where to go if they want to."

Open state areas include most of the 3.9 million-acre state forest system, 340,000-acre state wildlife and game system and 285,000-acre state park system.

Another 12,000 acres are enrolled in the hunting access program for privately leased lands open for public hunting.

Open federal areas include most of Michigan's 2.7 million-acre national forest system, two national lakeshores and 120,000 acres in national wildlife refuges. Another two million acres of private land also are open under the Commercial Forest Act.

"Anybody who can access the DNR Web site will be able to get the maps, print them and hop in the truck to go hunting," Eichinger said, citing the department's responsibility to harness available technology and relay information to the people.

The DNR estimates that the project will cost a ballpark "cou-

ple hundred thousand dollars" and hopes to see it completed by Dec. 31.

"We haven't heard any opposition to it yet," said Eichinger, "Most people that we've talked to agree that this is a logical next step for the state and department to provide these services to the public."

Dennis Muchmore, executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), noted that Michigan ranks third in the nation in hunting license sales, but the numbers are staying constant.

More hunters would create jobs and a better economy—especially in rural areas where even a half-million more dollars makes a big difference, he added.

"What's important to us is recruitment and retention," MUCC resource policy assistant Erin McDonough said. "We want to ensure new hunters get involved and current ones stay active. To do this they need to know where to exercise their sport."

Sponsors of the bill include Senators Jason Allen, R-Traverse City; Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck; Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau; Michael Prusi, D-Ishpeming; and Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, among others.

The bill cleared the Senate in May and is pending in the House Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources.

Record increase in rabies cases in Michigan

Michigan's unprecedented 202 cases of rabies this year, more than four times last year's total, requires preventive action, says the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, which asks families to vaccinate pets and avoid contact with wild animals.

"The vast majority of cases occurred in bats, but the deadly disease can be passed to farm animals, companion animals and humans," says Karlene Belyea, MVMA executive director.

"Getting animals vaccinated is

the first line of defense against rabies. Unlike people, there are no post-exposure treatments for animals, so the best way to safeguard families and the only way to protect pets is through vaccination," said Belyea.

While there are a number of potential explanations, no one knows exactly why the number of cases has increased so dramatically this year. Dr. Mary Grace Stobierski, public health veterinarian with the Michigan Department of Community Health and MVMA member, says a combination of environmental factors most likely caused the increase. Regardless, Stobierski urges anyone who may have been exposed to take action.

"Under certain circumstances, it is virtually impossible to tell whether someone has been bitten by a bat. If there is any question of exposure to rabies the bat should be tested, if possible, to determine its rabies status,"

Stobierski says.

"Due to the high demand for rabies testing, the Michigan Department of Community Health increased its laboratory capacity to test suspected animals this past summer," said Stobierski.

Michigan families can take the following steps to protect themselves and their pets from the disease:

Vaccinate pets: Rabies vaccines for dogs and cats are readily available and should always be up to date. If a vaccinated animal is exposed to rabies, it simply needs a booster shot. Unvaccinated animals exposed to rabies should be euthanized.

Avoid contact with wild animals: By teaching children to avoid wild animals, families can reduce the risk of contracting rabies. Bats, skunks, raccoons and foxes all can carry the disease (although bats are the major source in Michigan). Pets should be closely watched when

they are outdoors to ensure they are not coming in contact with wild animals.

Seek medical attention: If someone is bitten or otherwise exposed to an unfamiliar animal, it is important to seek medical assistance immediately. Your veterinarian can evaluate any need for animal rabies testing; your doctor or local health department can answer questions about human exposure and the need for treatment.

For more information, visit Michigan's Emerging Diseases Web site at: www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases.

The Michigan Veterinary Medical Association is comprised of more than 2,000 Michigan veterinarians. It provides continuing education for veterinary professionals, monitors state legislation and regulations and promotes veterinary medicine through a multifaceted public education program.

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Janisse awarded Woman of Achievement Award

Amanda Janisse, Clinical Coordinator at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, has been awarded the 2007 Woman of Achievement Award from the Roscommon Chapter of Zonta International. Zonta is an international organization whose mission is to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Zonta's vision is to give value and provide opportunities for increased education, improved mental and physical health and safety from violence.



Amanda Janisse

Janisse has dedicated much of her time to the service of women in the area. She volunteers her time as a member of the River House Board of Directors. She also dedicates her time as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). As a SANE nurse she has advanced training in the care of sexual assault patients. Janisse works closely with the

River House team to ensure the best quality of services for survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

Janisse was nominated for the award by Rhoda Hacker, director of River House, Inc., because of her dedication in supporting women who are survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Zonta International is also a supporter of River House.

Surgeon joins Mercy Hospital

Orthopedic Surgeon Syed I. Habib, M.D., recently joined the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling. He practices at Mercy Surgical Services and is currently accepting new patients.

Dr. Habib has extensive experience in orthopedics and trauma surgery, including joint replacement, knee injuries, shoulders, ankles and feet. A graduate of Sindh Medical College in Pakistan, he performed postgraduate studies in surgery at Jinah Postgraduate Medical Center in Karachi and has had numerous surgical fellowships and appointments in the United Kingdom. He arrives at Mercy Hospital Grayling following a one-year fellowship in foot and ankle surgery at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

Habib also spent one year at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City performing a fellowship in orthopedic sports medicine. During that time, part of his responsibilities included working

with the New York Jets football team, New York Islanders hockey team and Hofstra University football team.

"Personally, I didn't know much about American football or ice hockey before the fellowship and found myself thrown into the NFL and NHL head first. I really enjoyed the experience," Habib said. "I remember I once took a cab to the Jets' training camp and when the driver learned that I was one of the physicians for the team, he refused to take my cab fare out of his love for the team."

During his initial visit to the Grayling area, the natural beauty of northern Michigan proved a potent lure, along with his perceptions of the hospital and staff.

"I was delighted by the standard of professionalism of the staff," he said. "I stayed with my family in Grayling for a few days and got to know the area. We all felt the community was very cozy and welcoming."

Mercy Surgical Services is located at 1250 E. Michigan Ave.

Bar coding medications project promotes safety at POMH

Nurses at Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital now use a personal digital assistant to scan medications prior to giving them to a patient.

The measure is part of a national push to eliminate medication errors in hospitals. The project was launched following months of planning and preparation.

"Medication bar coding allows the nurse to give the medication to the computer before administering it to the patient, providing one final safety check and avoiding a potential medication error," said

Paul Kociemba, a Munson pharmacist who helped facilitate the project. "Our patients are much safer with bar coding."

Munson Healthcare received a \$1.2 million federal grant to provide bar coding on patient medications at Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital, Munson Medical Center, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, Mercy Hospital Cadillac, and Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Bar codes have proven to be effective in preventing errors such as administering the wrong drug,

administering a drug to a patient who has a known allergy, administering the wrong dose at the wrong time or using the wrong method of administration.

The project at Paul Oliver involved the coordination of several departments including human resources, information services, nursing and the pharmacy.

Nurses scanning the medication say the procedure definitely creates a safer environment.

"It helps ensure that when you are giving medications you are

giving the right dose to the right patients," said Donna Clarke, RN, director of Outpatient Services. "It also becomes part of a patient's electronic medical record. It's a good thing."

Bar coding medication administration is advocated by the Institute of Medicine, the National Patient Safety Foundation, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the National Alliance for Health Information Technology and other health care agencies.

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MMAP executive director Jo Murphy said "each year, insurance companies have an opportunity to change their benefits. It is important for people with Medicare to consider the plan formulary as well as the price of their monthly premium. People need to make sure the prescriptions they take will still be covered and also check to see if there are any restrictions like prior authorization, quantity limits or step therapy."

Other considerations include the pharmacy someone likes to use, whether they want a mail order option, and whether they

will be able to get their prescriptions if they travel.

Many shoppers only look at the monthly premium, but others prefer plans that don't have an annual deductible before their coverage begins. Some people want a plan that provides coverage in the gap/donut hole.

Low-income individuals may qualify for "Extra Help" paying for premiums and co-pays by contacting the Social Security Administration.

To review the new 2008 Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare beneficiaries or family members may go to www.medicare.gov and use the Plan Finder to compare plan options. Or, they may also call 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227) for assistance over the telephone.

If people with Medicare would like local assistance, they may call MMAP at 1-800-803-7174. This number will connect them with a counselor in their area

who can assist them with the research necessary to make an informed decision.

In Michigan there are 55 stand-alone drug plans for 2008 and 191 Medicare Health Plans, which may not be available statewide and may or may not include prescription coverage.

Now is the time to begin shopping; early enrollment guarantees coverage on January 1, 2008. The holiday season will be simpler with this task crossed off your list.

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The Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) has several trained MMAP volunteers (including the director, Alice Snyder who was awarded the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award for Northeast Michigan), which are available to help beneficiaries with choosing plans. They can contact the COA at 348-7123 to have an appointment made with a volunteer.

MMAP is the state-wide program which provides free health benefits counseling to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, their families and their caregivers. With unbiased information provided by staff and volunteers, Michigan residents can make informed health care decisions. Topics covered include: Medicare, Medicaid, medigap and long term care insurance, managed care and prescription drug coverage. MMAP saved Michigan beneficiaries over \$7,000,000 in out-of-pocket costs last year. There are approximately 450 volunteers who serve as MMAP Counselors.

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OMH announces new stroke support group

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Survivors often say friends and family members feel uncomfortable around them. The circle of friends once obtained seems

to disappear and it is difficult for the survivor to fit in social situations they formerly adapted to easily.

Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) announces a new community-wide stroke support group, Life After Stroke. The group meets the last Friday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Professional Medical Building Conference Room. It is located at 829 N. Center Ave., behind the Hospital through the large copper triangle doorway.

The focus of the meeting will be to get to know each other and to gather information regarding future meeting times and topics.

"Stroke often affects more than only the patient," said Faith Brinkman, M.A., CCC-SLP, Speech Therapist at OMH. "Family members can feel confused, frustrated, isolated and relationships can become strained when a family member must change roles and become the caregiver. Caregivers may become angry and feel guilty about their feelings toward the

survivor."

"Stroke support groups allow stroke survivors to help themselves and other stroke survivors create meaningful lives after stroke," said Brinkman. "By meeting together in a caring, cooperative environment, with survivors, family and friends, we can create a new sense of community. New goals and friendships are kindled, encouraging independence and renewing hope."

Stroke support groups can also assist with the caregiver and survivor's own well-being, which can decrease the isolation of both parties and introduce new friends to replace those lost after the stroke.

Additionally, support groups can provide education to promote a better understanding of living with the results of a stroke.

Anyone who has had a stroke, or knows someone who has had a stroke, is invited to attend.

For registration or questions, contact the Rehabilitation Department at (989) 731-2472.

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Jake Allen films video to promote upcoming album

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Members of a Grayling band returned to a historic building in hopes of creating more opportunities for their future.

Dharma Records filmed a music video in the third story of the former Jansen Heating and Plumbing building last week.

The video will be used to promote Dharma Records artist Jake Allen - Jacob Bondar - who is the son of Dharma Records co-owner Al Bondar.

Jake Allen, drummer Adam Hoppe and bassist Luke Alderton have an upcoming album called "Heart Consumer and the Artist." The album is a follow up to Jake Allen's "The Color EP," which was released last year.

The video was filmed for a song called "Healing Opus."

Members of the band, and Roscommon model Katie Melia,

braved chilly temperatures in the third story of the building as the video was filmed.

The video portrays Jake Allen as he is pursued and lured by Melia. At the end of the story, Allen determines that the girl was not what he was looking for in the first place.

"I'm excited to put imagery with the music, as it creates more clarity for listeners, who may be confused to certain meanings of the songs," Jake Allen said.

Allen said he had envisioned filming the video in an old Victorian building that had wood floors and torn up walls. He said the former Jansen Heating and Plumbing building turned out to be a perfect fit.

"It was a dream come true, kind of," Jake Allen said.

The video will be put on Jake Allen's My Space Web page, and on U-Tube, with hopes of getting

it released on V-H1 or MTV.

Al Bondar said promoters encouraged Dharma Records to create the video as the band hopes to perform at venues on a national tour.

"Before they book them, they want to see a video, so that's why we're shooting this," Al Bondar said. "They want it to sound good, but as sad as it may seem, they want them to look good too."

Dharma Records hopes that the video will give the band an edge for getting into renowned clubs and possibly a more lucrative recording contract.

"We don't want to have to claw our way to the top," Al Bondar said. "We want to start a little farther up on the scale."

Jake Allen said he looks forward to putting the final results out for people to view.

"We have a lot of footage to edit, but everybody played their

parts really well, and I'm really excited about it," he said.

Dharma Records tapped Bob Hughes, the owner of the Oscoda based Wild Woods Cinema, to film the video.

"This just gives Dharma Records another multi-media outlet to promote its artists," Hughes said.

The building, where the video was filmed, was built as an Independent Order of Odd Follows Lodge. Over the years, it was used as a theatre, bowling alley and Ford dealership, before becoming the home of Jansen Heating and Plumbing.

Linda Nickert, the current co-owner of the building, said she was pleased to be able to help Dharma Records and the band with the production.

"I just thought it was pretty cool and we want to do anything we can to help out local artists," Nickert said.

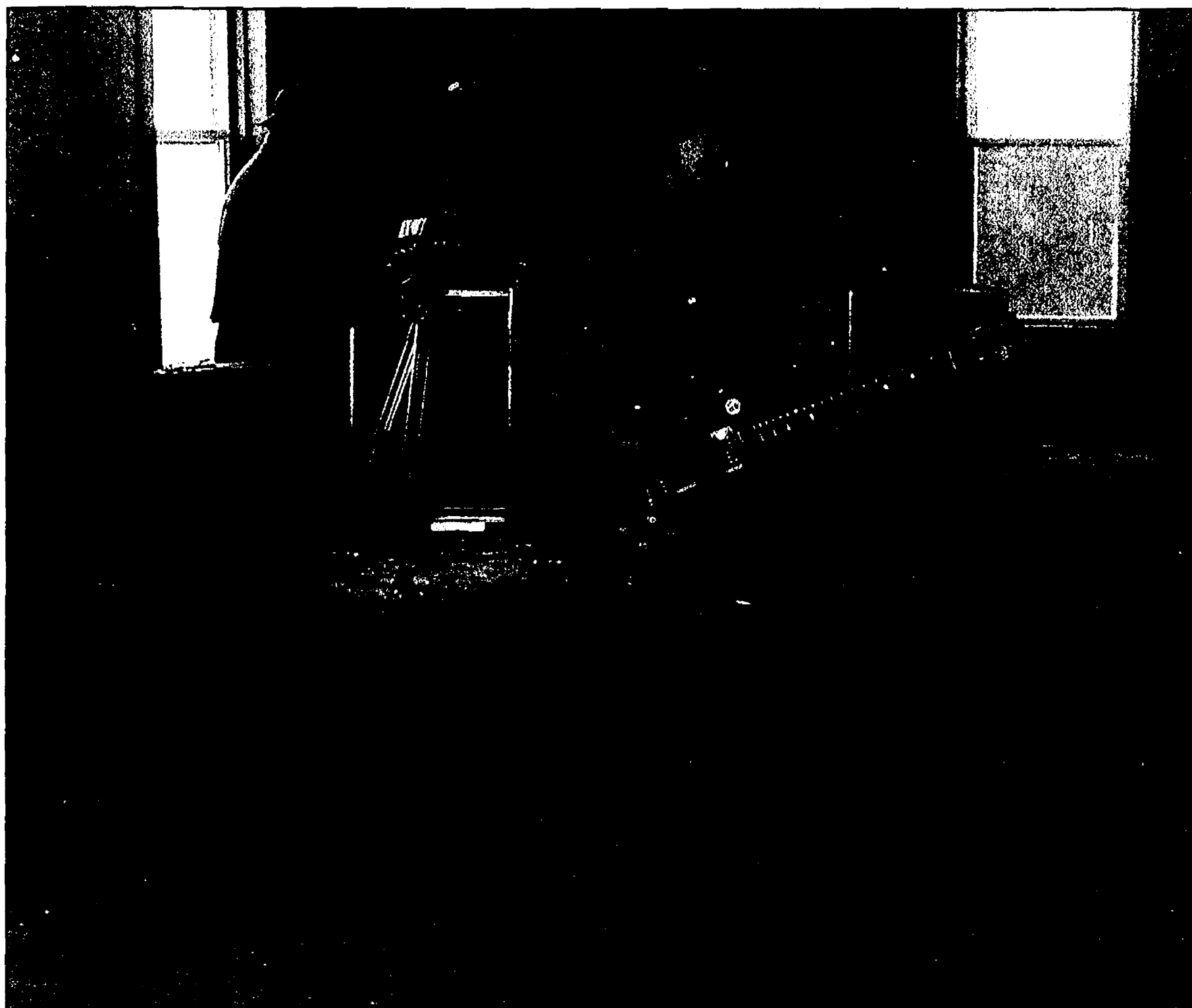


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Dharma Records filmed a music video in the third story of the former Jansen Heating and Plumbing building last week. Above, Jake Allen - Jacob Bondar - performs as Bob Hughes, the owner of the Oscoda based Wild Woods Cinema, films in the background.

Michigan revises Emerald Ash Borer quarantine

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Donald Koivisto announced an amendment to the state's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine to help prevent the further spread of the exotic insect in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.).

Michigan's EAB quarantine has been revised to include a 55-square mile area near the town of Moran in Mackinac County, where an EAB infestation in the U.P. was recently discovered.

In 2005, an EAB infestation at Brimley State Park marked the first time EAB had been found in the U.P. The infestation was eradicated through removal of all ash host material in the area.

"Michigan's natural resources are at risk," said Koivisto. "MDA staff is working to minimize the impact of EAB in the U.P. as much as possible."

"The current quarantine revision helps accomplish this goal by prohibiting the movement of ash material or hardwood firewood from quarantined areas in the U.P. or from the Lower Peninsula."

Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees. In its larval stage, EAB feeds undetected under the bark of ash trees, disrupting water and nutrient flow - and ultimately killing the trees in three to four years.

First discovered in 2002, the borer is responsible for the death or damage of approximately 20 million ash trees in the Lower Peninsula.

The movement of hardwood firewood is still prohibited from leaving the Lower Peninsula, as it continues to be the leading cause of the spread of EAB.

The inspection station at the Mackinac Bridge will also continue to prevent hardwood firewood, and other regulated ash

material, from entering the Upper Peninsula.

Individuals or businesses found violating the state's EAB quarantine are subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years for moving regulated ash materials, including firewood.

Additional information about EAB, and a map of the quarantine boundaries, are available at www.michigan.gov/eab or www.emeraldashborer.info.

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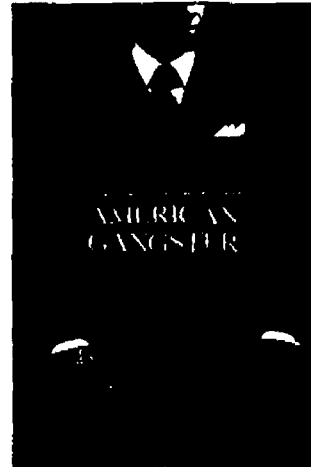
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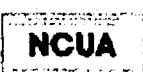
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Library announces Lego Math contest winner

Four-year-old Nora Jo Forman was the grand prize winner of the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library Lego Math Contest, announced on Nov. 13 during the Lego Camouflage Club program.

The contest involved guessing the correct number of pieces that went into an outdoor themed Lego model on display at the library. Forman's guess at 435 came the closest to the actual 437 pieces that it took 9th grader,

Josh Meyer, to build.

The prizes were donated by local businesses including four tickets to the Rialto Theatre, pizza from Little Caesars and desserts and a pie from Big Boy.



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Local club is 'for the birds'

In a time of frequent bad news about the environment, this year Michigan can offer great success stories about two endangered birds that are native to our state. Both the Piping Plover and the Kirtland's Warbler had record-breaking years in 2007, with more pairs of successfully nesting birds than anytime in recent history.

The Petoskey Regional Audubon Society (PRAS) is contributing to the future success of these, and other, birds. The club recently donated \$2500 to bird research and recovery efforts, with the Piping Plover and Kirtland's Warbler receiving \$500 each. Three other donations of \$500 each were made to Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, Ed Pike's Spring 2008 Straits area hawk watch, and the purchase of copies of the new Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas for donation to local libraries.

The club's Piping Plover donation will support the captive rearing program at the University of Michigan Biological Station (UMBS) in Pellston. Chicks are captive reared when their parents are killed by predators, or when nests are abandoned. Once grown, the chicks are released back onto the beaches where they were born. Sixty-three pairs of Piping Plovers nested successfully in the Great Lakes region during the 2007 season. Together, they fledged 137 chicks, including twelve chicks which were captive reared. Dr. Francie Cuthbert, the University of Minnesota ornithologist who has been involved in the captive rearing program for many years, said this of Petoskey Audubon's \$500 donation: "This is the nicest news I have had in a long time! No person or group has ever recognized the importance of supporting the plover recovery program. Thank you so much. I will endorse the check over to the University and it will go into the plover research budget, but no extra costs will be taken out by the University, so it will all go to

plover work. We will let you know how we use it."

The Kirtland's Warbler, like the Piping Plover, has had a record breaking year. In early September, Department of Natural Resources officials released annual survey information indicating the state's population of the endangered Kirtland's Warbler continues to increase. Biologists, researchers and volunteers in Michigan observed 1,697 singing males during the official 2007 survey period, up from 1,478 males observed in 2006. The 2007 population represents the largest number of singing males recorded since monitoring began in 1951. The lowest numbers were recorded in 1974 and 1987, when only 167 singing males were found. While the Kirtland's Warbler nests exclusively in the jack pine plains of northern Michigan, it winters in the scrub of the Bahamas. Research of the warbler in its winter home, and protection of the Bahamas habitat, is vital to the birds' long-term survival. The \$500 donation PRAS made to help the Kirtland's

Warbler will go toward the support of Bahamas research.

Dave Ewert, Director of Conservation Science for The Nature Conservancy of Michigan, and coordinator of the Bahamas program, said, "Many thanks for your generous donation of \$500 to further our work on Kirtland's Warblers in the Bahamas. Over the last two years, much has happened. Two more Bahamians have come to Michigan to work on Kirtland's Warbler and other activities on the Huron-Manistee National forest. One student graduated from University of Maryland with a M.S. degree, another received a B.S. degree from Cornell University, and one student has completed one semester at the University of Minnesota, and is working with Dr. Francie Cuthbert. Field work goes very well. We're rapidly refining our knowledge of how Kirtland's Warblers select different areas of scrub during the winter on the Bahamas. We're also looking at the linkage between Michigan and the Bahamas through partnerships with the Smithsonian Institute and by locating Bahamas-banded birds here in Michigan.

The Petoskey Regional Audubon Society is dedicated to creating a greater awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the interrelatedness of all Michigan's wild places and wildlife and the need for stewardship, with emphasis on our local region. PRAS is also dedicated to fostering an active community of birders by sharing knowledge and experience whenever possible. The club was founded in 1966, and currently has about 230 members. From September through May, PRAS offers free indoor programs on the second Tuesday of each month. The club also hosts free outdoor field trips year round. For more information, contact club President Tom Ritchie at 487-0950, or visit www.petoskeyaudubon.org.

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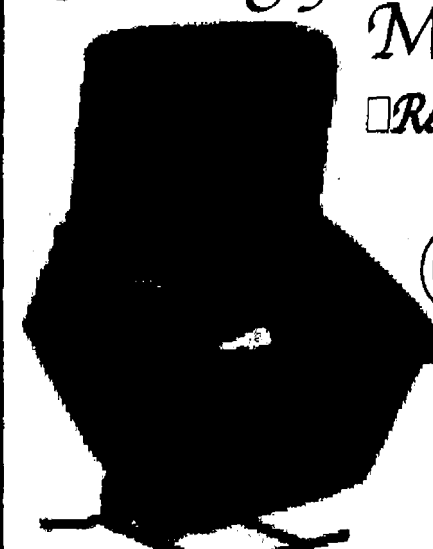


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Texting the message? Not on the road

by Gregory Herbert
Capital News Service

Everybody knows that alcohol and driving is a deadly combination, but is texting and driving equally dangerous?

The answer may have been yes for five teens from Fairport, N.Y., this summer.

Texting was believed to be a factor in the crash that killed them five days after graduating from high school. Their vehicle burst into flames after swerving into an oncoming tractor-trailer, as friends watched from a trailing vehicle.

The driver was believed to be sending a text message when she lost control, authorities say.

Such tragedies might be avoided if a bill proposed by Sen. Buzz Thomas, D-Detroit, becomes law.

The proposal would ban drivers from using cell phones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), electronic games and other electronic devices that are unrelated to the operation of the vehicle.

Exceptions would be made for emergency personnel and for drivers reporting accidents,

crimes, medical emergencies and situations where they believe their personal safety is in jeopardy.

"There is no question that texting while driving is one of the most dangerous things you can do while driving," Thomas said. "There is no need to text or play games while driving, especially when it endangers the life of every other driver on the road."

The penalty for offenders would be a \$100 fine. However, police could ticket drivers only if they were being pulled over for another violation such as speeding.

Officials from State Police posts in Cadillac, Alpena, Gladwin and Manistee said they were unaware of any instances of dangerous driving due to text messaging in their areas.

Texting is just part of the growing problem of distracted driving. In some states, drivers or their companies are held responsible for accidents that occur while a cell phone or other electronic device was in use.

For example, investment firm Smith Barney was held liable for

the actions of an employee who was making a sales call when he hit and killed a motorcyclist in Pennsylvania. Smith Barney settled the lawsuit for \$500,000.

An Arkansas lumber company paid \$16.2 million to a 78-year-old woman who was struck and disabled by an employee who was using a cell phone to make a sales call.

In addition, an Alaska man was charged with, but acquitted of, second-degree murder after killing two occupants of another vehicle in 2004. The defendant swerved into oncoming traffic while allegedly adjusting his DVD player.

As the number of cell phone users grows, so does the number of people who talk and drive, according to a report by Matt Sundeen, a transportation analyst for the National Conference of State Legislators.

The report cited a 2007 survey by Nationwide Insurance, which estimated that 73 percent of drivers use cell phones while driving.

The State Office of Highway and Safety Planning (OHSP) reported that cell phones were a

factor in 1,022 crashes in the state in 2005.

"The data collected is controversial," Sundeen said, because many times there is no "physical indicator" that a cell phone was in use at the time of the accident, and witness accounts must be relied on.

Greg Bange, chair of the Michigan Resource Center for Health and Safety, said the organization supports the legislative proposal.

Bange said action needs to be taken to discourage distracted driving, but predicted that it would be "very difficult to enforce that type of legislation."

As technology advances there are more things people can do with phones and PDAs, said Bange. "It is only going to become more of a distraction."

Bange said that educating youths about the dangers of distracted driving is important, but legislation would be even more effective. Using seat belts as an example, Bange pointed out that more lives are saved because of mandatory laws than simply educating people about seat belt use.

Nikki Klemmer, media relations and outreach coordinator for the OHSP, said that the agency does not take positions on legislation, but that cell-phone use is a main distraction among drivers.

Washington became the first state to ban texting and driving earlier this year. Similar legislation is pending in New York and New Jersey.

In addition, California, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Washington and the District of Columbia all ban the use of hand-held phones while driving.

The bill is pending in the Senate Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee.

Cardiologist begins seeing patients in Prudenville

Mercy Community Health Center in Prudenville will host Cardiologist Kevin Clayton, D.O. every other Thursday in response to a community survey requesting cardiology services.

Dr. Clayton, who specializes in interventional cardiology, began seeing patients in September. He practices at Grand Traverse Heart Associates in Traverse City and is a member of Munson Medical Center's top 100 cardiac specialty team. His next clinic in Prudenville is Oct. 18.

A survey of Roscommon county residents, conducted by Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2006, showed 86 percent of respondents rated local access to a cardiologist as "very important" with another 10.7 percent rating it as "somewhat important." Cardiology ranked highest among the specialties rated in the survey.

"We're pleased Dr. Clayton has joined our efforts to offer more heart care services to Prudenville area residents," said Vincent E. Schultz, M.D., Chief of Staff at Mercy Hospital Grayling. "Through our specialty clinic program, we intend to continue providing access to the medical specialties that meet area needs."

Cardiology services continue to be available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Mercy Hospital Grayling specialty clinic.

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Boys basketball squad to rely on defense, pressure this year

Season opener vs. Roscommon to be held at GHS on Tuesday

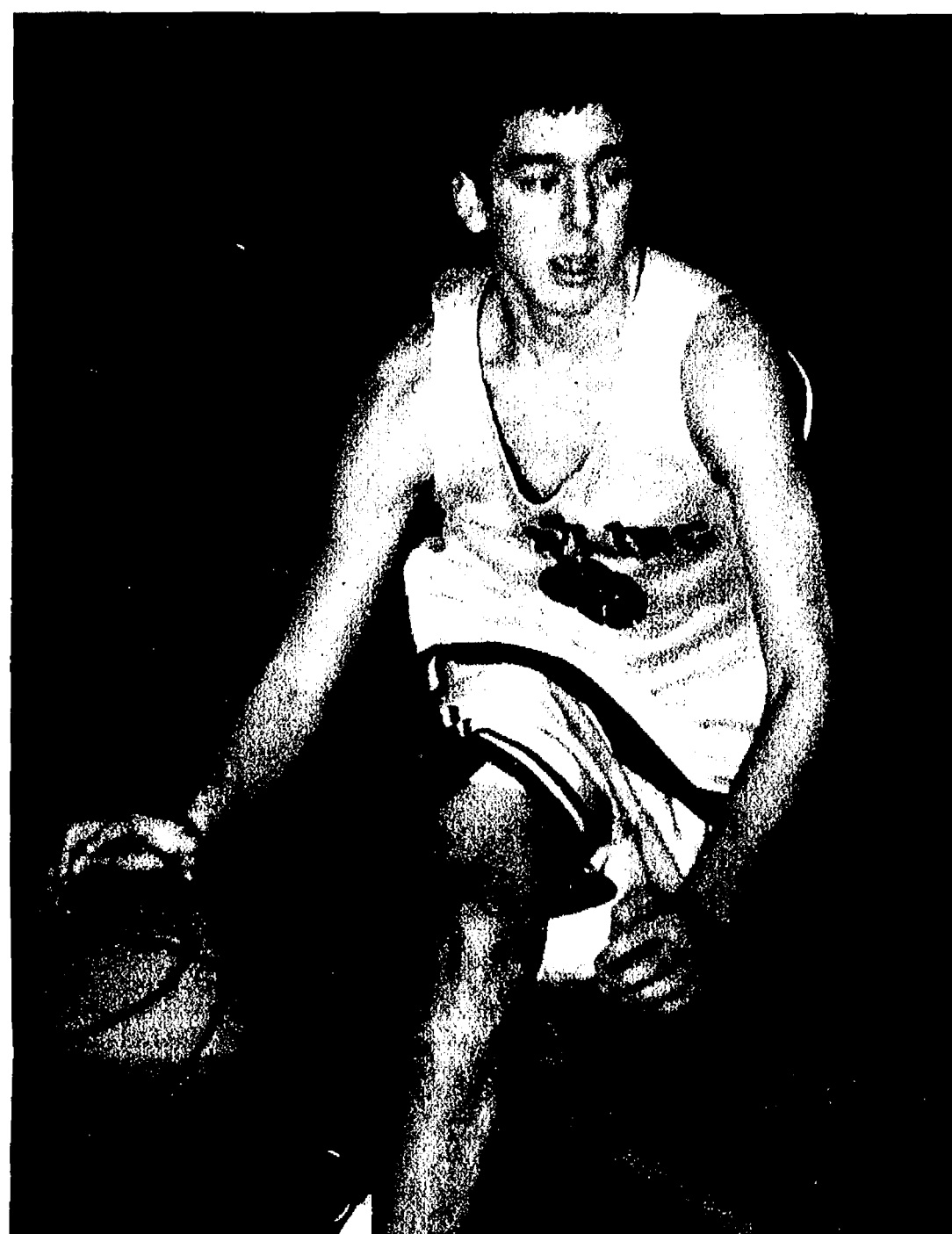
■ Vikings to play on Tuesdays and Thursdays to start the 2007-2008 season

This year's Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team – a squad that started its official practices on Nov. 12 and will play its season opener next Tuesday – is a "blue collar" group that will rely heavily on its defense, Coach Rich Moffit said.

"We are definitely flying under the radar this year. Our kids are out to prove people wrong and have put in the effort during the season and offseason to support that. We should be a fun team to watch because of our blue collar work ethic," Coach Moffit said.

Last year, the Vikings finished the season with an overall record of 8-13 – their first losing season in 10 years. Grayling is looking to bounce back this year with a team that includes seven returning lettermen – Spencer Dean, Jason Druge, Josh Stapleton, Richie Schreiber, Rocky McNamara, Trent Larm, and Matt McDonald – and seven new players – Jacob Aubry, Ryan Foguth, Eric Ferrigan, Ross Teeple, Tyler Steffey, Alex Gabriel, and Doug Gothro.

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Photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) Tyler Steffey grabs a rebound during a varsity boys basketball practice drill on Friday, Nov. 16. (Right) Richie Schreiber moves the ball up the court during a recent practice at GHS.

GHS wrestling team combines strong returners, young talent

Grayling to start new season with meet at Gaylord on Thursday

■ Four regional qualifiers return from last year's district championship squad

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's 2007-2008 wrestling team will include a solid group of returning competitors – including four individual regional qualifiers from last year's district championship squad – and a group of talented underclassmen.

The squad, which began its official practices on Nov. 12, has solid overall numbers with more than 30 wrestlers.

"We've got enough kids to make a full lineup this year," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "We have 31 kids, about the same as last year. That's a good number to have."

Coach Ferrigan, who's in his third year as head coach of the Vikings, said the team's practices have "been good. The kids have weathered it well."

This year's wrestling squad includes four returning seniors – Eric Madill (189), a state and regional qualifier last year, Dan CdeBaca (heavyweight), Stephen Grove (135-140), and Matt Letts (heavyweight), a

regional qualifier in 2006-2007.

A few of the key returning juniors from last year's team include Cody Collen (145), a regional qualifier last season, Josh Moggo (130-140), and Shane Grove (152-160). Kyle Peters (heavyweight), a sophomore, was one of Grayling's regional qualifiers last year.

Coach Ferrigan said he expects Madill to make a run at another state finals appearance, and he thinks Collen will take a big step forward this year.

"I think Cody Collen has done all the work needed to be done in the offseason to make a run at a state title. He'll be tough, a fun one to watch," Coach Ferrigan said.

"One of our initial team goals is to get back to being conference champions again," Coach Ferrigan said. "The team set their own goal of winning a district title and winning regionals to make it to the state finals. We should have a very good squad. We have some good freshman wrestlers that have gone through our whole program with youth wrestling. Four or five of them will be in the varsity lineup as freshmen – they'll have a big

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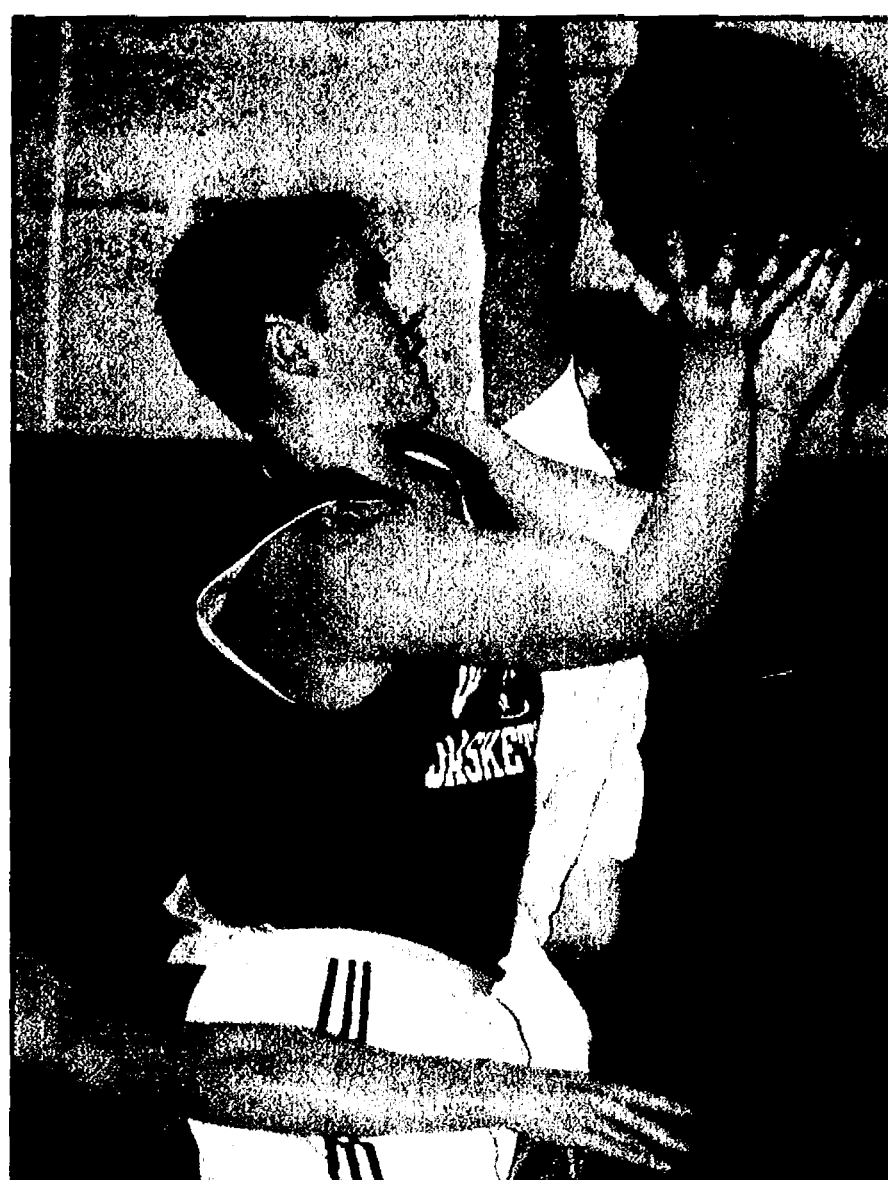


Photo by Caleb Casey

Tyler Brigham (right) wrestles against Rob Harrison (left) during last Wednesday's practice at Grayling Middle School.



Alex Gabriel dribbles the ball during a practice drill on Friday, Nov. 16.



Trent Larm drives to the basket during varsity basketball practice at GHS.

Boys basketball squad to rely on defense, pressure this year

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Moffit, who is in his 13th year as head coach of the Vikings, will be assisted by Ryan Fritz this year. Fritz coached Grayling's freshman boys basketball team last year.

"Ryan Fritz is an outstanding young coach. He has been a real positive for our kids and our program. He has a very bright future in coaching," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings started practicing on Monday, Nov. 12. In the team's 2007-2008 season opener, Grayling will host the Roscommon Bucks on Tuesday, Dec. 4. The junior varsity teams will play at 6 p.m. and the varsity contest will follow.

"We have been very pleased with our progress in practice at both the offensive and defensive ends of the court. Our kids play with a lot of energy and have been very coachable. Offensively, our kids have shown the ability to run our transition break into our secondary break options. I like the way that our kids pass the ball -- they are very unselfish," Coach Moffit said.

"Defensively, this is the first time in a while that we are going to be able to get out and really pressure the basketball. We have some outstanding defensive players on our team. We need to be an outstanding defensive team this year for success to happen," Coach Moffit said.

Grayling's first Lake Michigan Conference (LMC) contest will be a home game vs. the Charlevoix Rayders on Thursday, Dec. 13.

"(Traverse City) St. Francis and Charlevoix have some outstanding players coming back. Charlevoix has a great core of kids back from a team that went deep in the state playoffs last year. They are definitely the



Ryan Foguth looks for an open teammate during an offense vs. defense drill on Friday, Nov. 16.

favorites to win the LMC," Coach Moffit said. "Boyer (City), Harbor Springs, Elk Rapids, East Jordan, and Kalkaska all have outstanding players and can (compete) with any team on a given night. The LMC will be very balanced this year."

In past seasons, Grayling High School's JV and varsity boys basketball contests have been played primarily on Tuesdays and Fridays. With girls basketball moving to the winter season this year, the schedule will be

different than in years past. In the first half of the season, the Vikings will play most of their games on Tuesdays and Thursdays while the girls play on Wednesdays and Fridays. After the eighth game of their 20-game regular season, the Vikings will play the majority of their games on Wednesdays and Fridays while the girls teams switch to Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"March Madness" -- the play-off tournaments for boys and girls basketball -- will actually start in late February this season,

and Grayling will host both district tournaments. The District 63-B playoff games for girls basketball will be held at GHS on Feb. 18, 20, and 22. Grayling High School will host the District 63-B boys basketball tournament on Feb. 25, 27, and 29.

Photos by Caleb Casey

GMS BASKETBALL

Boys 8th Grade Green Team

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade boys basketball "green" team recently opened its 2007-2008 season with victories over Harbor Springs and East Jordan.

The Vikings defeated Harbor Springs 66-25 at GMS on Nov. 13 in the team's season opener.

"The boys played well tonight," Coach Rocky Tobin said. "Steven Enos had a great game with 23 points and 20 rebounds. Griffin Dean had a nice game as well with nine points and 13 rebounds. Zane Tobin did a nice job of running the offense as our point guard."

"Offensively, Riley Zigila had 12 points and Thomas Burrell hit three three-point shots for nine points. David Bergan, Xavier Lindsey, Travis Schreiber, and Zach Schreiber did a really nice job on the defensive end as well," Coach Tobin said. "I was really happy with all the boys' efforts tonight."

Grayling improved its season record to 2-0 with a 58-46 victory at East Jordan on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

"The boys came out ready to run. I believe we were up 22-5 at the end of the first quarter. Zane Tobin did a good job of getting

out and running our transition offense. Griffin Dean and Steven Enos did a nice job of rebounding and getting the ball to Zane to get our transition game going. David Bergan and Devon Dawson did a nice job on our half court trap in the second half. Zach Schreiber, Travis Schreiber, Thomas Burrell, Xavier Lindsey, and Riley Zigila all hustled and had a good game," Coach Tobin said.

Tobin had 15 points and Enos had 13 points. Dean, Bergan, and Zigila each had 8 points. Lindsey had 6 points.

The Vikings will host Boyne City on Thursday, Nov. 29.

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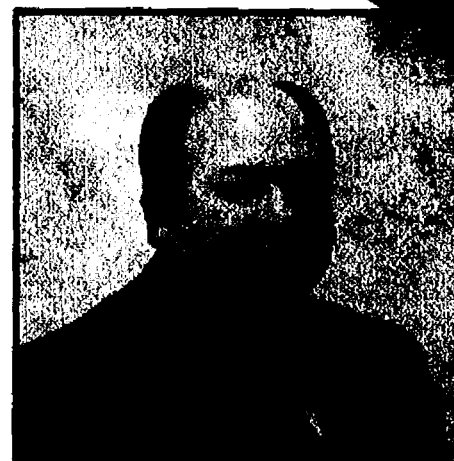
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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ERIC DALE CLEMENS,

Plaintiff,

vs
DIANA CARMEN CLEMENS,
Defendant/Petitioner.
FILE NO: 97-004344-DOCAREY & JASKOWSKI P.L.L.C.
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EX PARTE ORDER OF ALTERNATE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 7th day of November, 2007.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MONTE J. BURMEISTER - Family Court Judge
UPON REVIEW of the pleadings filed in the instance case, and being fully advised of attempts to contact Mr. Clemens, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises;**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that service in the instant matter may be accomplished pursuant to MCR 2.106 (D)(1).**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** Plaintiff/Respondent, Eric D. Clemens, must appear before this Honorable Court on January 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., or may have a period of 9 days from the final date of publication to file an answer to the instant Motion to Clarify a Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Retired Pay. In the event that a response is not filed within nine (9) days, the Plaintiff may obtain an Order Modifying Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Pay.
Dated: 11/8/07Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P48732)
Family Court Judge

ORDER TO APPEAR OR ANSWER

At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 7th day of November, 2007.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MONTE J. BURMEISTER - Family Court Judge
TO: Eric D. Clemens:

1. An action has been filed against you regarding a Motion to Clarify a Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Retired Pay.

2. **IT IS ORDERED** that you shall appear before this Honorable Court on January 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., or serve a response to Motion upon the attorney for the Defendant/Petitioner, or take such action as may be permitted by law, within 9 days of the last publication of this Order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in an Order Modifying Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Pay against you.

Dated: 11/9/07

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P48732)
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Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
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Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George, Janisse, and Musselman. Absent: None.
Public Comment**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by George to accept agenda. Ayes: All. Passed.**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda, October Regular Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for November, and Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All. Passed.**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to accept the bid from CSI Emergency Apparatus LLC in the amount of \$281,932.00 for the purchase of a new pump/tanker truck for the Fire/EMS Dept., said purchase on hold pending final approval of the Board. Ayes: All. Passed.**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck to accept the Mutual Aid and ALS Intercept Agreement between Denton Township and South Branch Township as presented. Ayes: All. Passed.**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to approve the purchase of 15 Hi-Visual Vests from Time Emergency at a cost of \$805.00 for the Fire/EMS Dept. Ayes: All. Passed.**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Janisse, to support the appointment of Cris Jones as a member of the Planning Commission. Ayes: All. Passed.**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by George to approve the Township's participation in the 2010 Decennial Census Program. Ayes: All. Passed.**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck to approve the payment of invoice in the amount of \$1,204.00 from the Township's attorney. Ayes: All. Passed.**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by George to approve the Smith Land Division, parcel #062-016-016-020-00. Ayes: All. Passed.**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman to approve the Hornsey Combination, parcel #063-032-001-035-00. Ayes: All. Passed.**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Musselman to accept the Federal Poverty Guidelines for determination of poverty exemptions for 2008. Ayes: All. Passed.Public comment heard.
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Randy L. Smock and Becky S. Smock, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated March 2, 2006 and recorded on March 8, 2006 in liber 680 page 124, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$44,033.40.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 11 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

The Southerly 1/3 of Lot 3, and all of Lots 4,5 & 6, Block 7, Martha M. Brinks 2nd Addition to the Village (now city) according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Date: November 8, 2007

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder
P.O. Box 794
East Lansing, MI 48826
517-337-1617

-15-22-29-6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Gay and Catherine Gay, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2005, and recorded on June 29, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 93, and modified by Affidavit or Order received by and recorded, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-MH1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Two And 72/100 Dollars (\$72,702.72), including interest at 7.2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M. on December 19, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point on the Easterly Right of Way of the Michigan Central Railroad (MCR) that is 570.56 feet North of the East-West 1/8 line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West Said Point of Beginning, North 89 degrees 12 minutes 53 seconds East along the North line of said Section 26, 512.80 feet and South 00 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds West along the East line of the MCR Right of Way 769.80 feet of the North 1/4 Corner of said Section 26, thence North 89 degrees, 37 minutes 39 seconds East parallel with the East-West 1/8 line of said Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26, 286.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds parallel with Railroad Right of Way 142.64 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 39 seconds West parallel with said East-West 1/8 line, 286.00 feet to said East Railroad Right of Way; thence North 00 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds East along Railroad Right of Way 142.64 feet to Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless deter-

mined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
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-15-22-29-6

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward B. Given, a married man and Cynthia Given, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 23, 2006, and recorded on June 27, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 133, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-One And 18/100 Dollars (\$82,161.18), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M. on January 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Sherwood Forest Subdivision and a 1/41 interest in Sherwood Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
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-15-22-29-6

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heidi Larm, A Married Woman, as Her Sole and Separate Property and Darrell Glen Larm, Her Husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 14, 2006, and recorded on April 26, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 176, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One And 34/100 Dollars (\$83,251.34), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within

Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M. on December 19, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16, Plat of Grayling Manor, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan as Recorded in Liber 2, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Irene Doughty, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 11, 2006, and recorded on September 19, 2006 in Liber 683 on Page 209, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Four Hundred One And 55/100 Dollars (\$65,401.55), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M. on December 19, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 70 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeasterly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 20, Original Plat of the Billage (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007
For more information, please call:

NOTICE

Beaver Creek Township is accepting bids for snow plowing for the 2007-2008 season.

Plowing to be done at the following locations:

1. Township Hall & Community Center to be plowed by 8:00 A.M. after snowfall of 3" or more.
2. Transfer Site on S. Grayling Rd. to be plowed prior to being opened at 8:00 A.M. on Saturdays, 1:00 P.M. on Sundays and 3:00 P.M. on Wednesdays. On occasion may need to be plowed during the week for trash hauler access.
3. Fire Station

Please submit sealed bids to Beaver Creek Township, in an envelope, clearly marked "Snow Plowing Bid", 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 on or before 2:00 P.M. Friday, November 30, 2007. Beaver Creek Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please submit bids based on a "per plow" rate and a separate price for each of the three plowing locations per plow. Please contact Fire Chief at 989-275-8548 for plowing instructions for Fire Station and Transfer Site before submitting Bids. Proof of insurance required.
Lee Riley, Supervisor

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals from elevator contractors for a two year period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009 for maintenance of two hydraulic elevators located at the Roscommon campus (Administrative Building and Instructional Building).

Proposals will be received in the facilities management office until Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. at which time they will be opened and publicly read. All proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be requested by calling 989-275-5000, ext. 263 during regular business hours or by visiting the facilities management office (located in the Arts/Maintenance Building at the Roscommon campus). The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid opening.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities at 989-275-5000, Ext. 249.

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LEGAL ACTION

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jodi A. Modos, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2004, and recorded on July 1, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 702, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eight And 01/100 Dollars (\$86,148.01), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 19, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 17 and 18, Block 6, Karen Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records. AND all that part of the following described parcel located West of Sweden Road and East of Lot 18: The Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, EXCEPTING that portion taken for Karen Woods Subdivision, and EXCEPT parcel of land described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 4 of Karen Woods Subdivision: Thence North 89 degrees 56 Minutes East 307 feet to the 1/8 corner on section line of Section 13; thence South on Section line 561.8 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes West 316 feet to a point 165 feet East of the Southeast corner of Block 5 of said Subdivision; thence North 0 degrees 33 minutes West to point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007
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-15-22-29-6

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas D. Slavens, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2004, and recorded on September 28, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 687, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three And 65/100 Dollars (\$163,153.65), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 12, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7, Thence South 01 Degrees 21 Minutes West (Along the West 1/8 Line) 17.25 Feet to the Southeasterly

Right of Way of M-72 and M-93; Thence North 45 Degrees 45 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 340 Feet; Thence North 44 Degrees 21 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 105.03 Feet; Thence South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 305.18 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence Continuing South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 331.10 Feet to the Left Bank of the Ausable River; Thence South 47 Degrees 30 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 100.90 Feet; Thence South 87 Degrees 15 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 165.00 Feet; Thence North 66 Degrees 06 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 115.40 Feet; Thence North 20 Degrees 32 Minutes East 257.50 Feet to the Point of Beginning. This Parcel Extends to the Waters Edge of the Ausable River with Full Riparian Rights thereto.

Also Subject to and use of: An 83 Foot Easement for Ingress and Egress, Lying 33 Feet on the Left of Northeasterly side and 50 Feet on the Right or Southwesterly side of a Line described as Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; Thence South 01 Degrees 21 Minutes West (Along the West 1/8 Line) 17.25 Feet to the Southeasterly Right-of-Way of M-72 and M-93; Thence North 45 Degrees 45 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 340 feet; Thence North 44 Degrees 21 Minutes East (Along said Right-of-Way) 105.3 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 390.18 Feet to the Point of Ending.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 8, 2007
For more information, please call:
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File #099625F04

-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley Varda, a married man and Samantha Varda, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2007, and recorded on February 27, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 470, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Ninety-Three And 71/100 Dollars (\$66,093.71), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 12, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8, Block 9, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 8, 2007
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joel Avalos and Lisa G. Avalos, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 26, 2006 and recorded July 5, 2006 in Liber 682, Page 230, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-0PT1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Thirty-Six and 45/100 Dollars (\$137,036.45) including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 12, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 158, Indian Glens of Ausable Unit Number 2, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 12, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 8, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
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-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals to hold public hearing

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, December 17th, 2007, at 7 p.m., in the town hall to hear public comment on the following zoning requests:

Case No. # 07-10	
Petitioner:	Carol Reiss
Address:	33005 Brownlea Sterling Heights, MI 48312 9482 Ray Ave. Grayling, MI 49738
Local Address:	
Property ID#	45-763-06-002-00
Location:	T26N, R4W, Sec. 9
Parcel size:	50' X 125' (6,250 sq. ft. (portion of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - Blk. 6, 2nd Add. to Portage Lake Park)
Zoning:	General Residential (R-2)
Non-conformances:	Lot is undersized. Minimum lot size in R-2 is 12,000 sf. Lot width is 50-ft. Minimum width is 80-ft.
Request:	Demolish existing residence to build 26' X 36' residence on a corner lot. The closet point of construction to Ray Avenue will be 11-ft., requiring a side variance of 19-ft.
Ordinance Authority	(1) Ordinance 2003-02, Section 17.01. (2) Ordinance 2003-02, Section 3.15.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond L. Demmo, original mortgagor(s), to The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2000, and recorded on November 30, 2000 in Liber 523 on Page 450, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to HSBC Bank USA, as Trustee in Trust for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2003-11E3 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven And 23/100 Dollars (\$42,497.23), including interest at 9.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 12, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, of O.M. Barnes Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof Recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 05, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 8, 2007
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #170366F01

-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey Smith and Tonia Smith, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Home Funds Direct, Mortgagee, dated October 13, 2006, and recorded on November 7, 2006, in Liber 684, Page 77, Crawford County Records, and assigned to Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., by assignment recorded in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 83/100 (\$168,124.83) Dollars, including interest at 8.476% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, on Wednesday, December 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. Said premises are situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan and are described as:

All that parcel of land in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, State of Michigan, as described in Deed Book 641, Page 570, ID #062-032-012-060-00, being known and designated as the following described premises: Located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, the East half of the North half of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, State of Michigan. C/k/a 11904 Pines Trail, Roscommon, MI 48653. Parcel ID: 062-032-012-060-00.

The redemption period shall be twelve (12) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 2007

Accredited Home Lenders, Inc.
Assignee of Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, P.C.
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JAMES SCHWARTZ and STACEY SCHWARTZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2000, and recorded on July 27, 2000, in Liber 513, on Page 203, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and fifteen Cents (\$26,951.15), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 19, 2007

Said premises are situated in Township of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan and described as:

ALL THAT PART OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1 / 4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST LYING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF M-72.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 8, 2007
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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

If you have unpaid 2005 or prior years property taxes, Crawford County will be publishing the NAMES OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES in the Crawford County Avalanche for 3 consecutive weeks beginning in December, 2007.

To avoid publication, 2005 taxes must be paid in full by Friday, November 30, 2007. PAYMENTS MADE AFTER NOVEMBER 30, 2007 WILL NOT PREVENT PUBLICATION. Also, an additional \$75.00 fee will be added to any payment received after November 30, 2007.

Payments will be accepted by CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CREDIT CARD.

NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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Crawford County Treasurer
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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



Nov. 29, 1984 - Santa Claus visited Grayling last Friday with his sleigh and reindeer. Brian McCurdy, 3, and Cheryl McCurdy, 5, were among the lucky children to see the jolly old fella.

23 Years Ago November 29, 1984

The officers and directors of the Grayling Mercantile Company, Inc., have announced their decision to dissolve the corporation and discontinue business. The business was founded by Hyman Joseph sometime about 1870, and was in operation at various locations on Michigan Avenue, here in Grayling. In 1902, the business was incorporated under the present name, and at the present location. The original stockholders were Rasmus Hanson, John K. Hanson, Marius Hanson and Hyman Joseph. Since that date, there have been four generations (Hyman Joseph, Abe Joseph, Bill Joseph and

Richard Joseph) active as managers. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joseph stated that they desire to retire and since there are no further members of the family, or others, who are interested in continuing the business, it will be terminated.

Keystone Cop Irv McIsaac put the cuffs on "Wicked Whitey" Madsen, who was one of 20 Crawford County citizens who helped raise \$1,864 for Hanson Hills. "Curious George" Stencil had to raise the most bond money, collecting \$153.50, and John "Easy Money" Alef raised \$150.37. The citizens initially had to raise \$50 to get out of the fake jail at the Grayling State Bank, but some friends con-

tributed money to keep them in jail. Even McIsaac, and bondsman Marty VanDeVen, had to raise \$125 and \$134 when they were thrown in the fake jail later in the day by Sheriff Joe White.

Outstanding citizens for the month of October from Mrs. Ingvarsson's first grade class were Allison Meier, Nichole Siwula and Sean Casey.

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade girls basketball team finished the season 8-1, and won a Houghton Lake tournament, to end up 10-1 for the year. Team members include A.J. Pratt, Ann Moshier, Dawn Eleckonich, Patti Tremblay, Cheryl Barber, Kim Jacobs, Sheryl Klinger, Lauri Goss, Linda Goodale, Lori Gust, Janice LaDuke, Margo Rembowski, Janet Petroskey, Deanna Phelps, and Heidi Stephenson. They are coached by Mike Shearer and Howard Lehti.

46 Years Ago November 30, 1961

The Frederic Eagles tipped off their 1961-62 basketball season on Tuesday night, when the squads traveled to Indian River to take on the Inland Lake Bull Dogs. The team got off on the wrong foot, with the varsity losing by a 58-39 score.

Five Grayling Vikings earned honorable mention when the Northern Class C Conference named its all conference football selections. Those named were Tom LaMotte and Mike Young, both seniors; Tom Wright, junior; Gary Lucksted, sophomore; and Norm Sorenson, a senior.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Gorney, and daughters Janice and Karen, arrived Friday from Bay City and have moved into their new home at 806 Chestnut, which they purchased from the Clyde Alexanders, who have gone to Florida. Mr. Gorney is employed at the Grayling Reel Company. Janice will be attending Grayling High School and Karen will be in the third grade at St. Mary's.

69 Years Ago December 1, 1938

Frank Bennett has purchased the former James Sorenson home on Chestnut Street and the family plans to move in some time after Christmas.

Ted Baynham is driving a new 1939 Chevrolet deluxe town sedan purchased from Alfred Hanson.

92 Years Ago December 2, 1915

The largest deer killed in these parts was the one killed by Frank Sickels of Markey Township, which weighed 325 pounds.

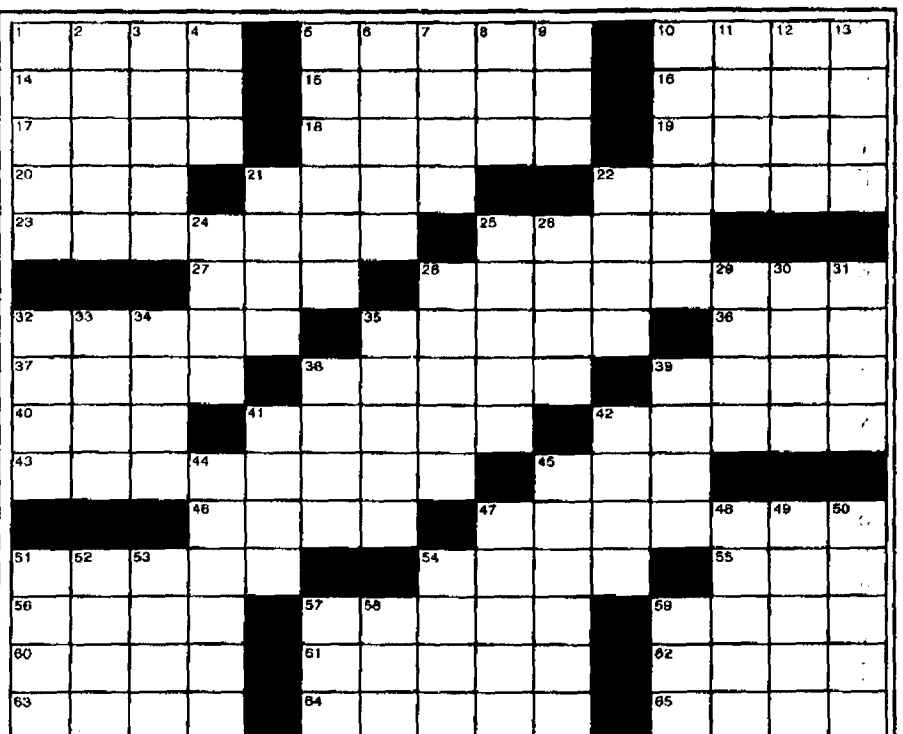
Miss Augusta Kraus, who is teaching in the schools at Birch Run, spent Thanksgiving at her home here.

Albert Madill is the new pupil at the high school.

The South Side School has purchased a victrola on the installation plan.

Superintendent Wood has ordered two gasoline hanging lamps so that the Frederic High School rooms can be used in the evenings.

CROSSWORD



Across

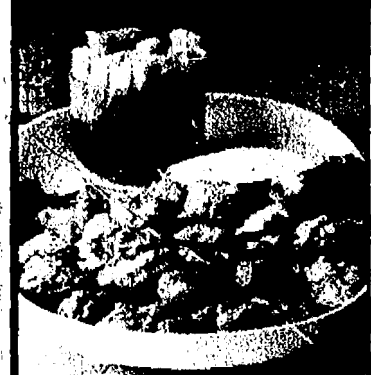
1. Lowest brass wind instrument.
5. Characterized by great caution and wariness.
10. Acronym for Committee for European Construction Equipment.
14. Acronym for Estimated Unit Price.
15. Point at the lingual side of the alveolar termination of the premaxillary suture.
16. Having wings.
17. Brownish purple.
18. Started.
19. Young unmarried woman.
20. Irritate.
21. Possesses.
22. Fabric fold.
23. Labored breathing.
25. Acronym for End Piece Of Equipment.
27. Priest's linen vestment.
28. Leave one's country of residence for a new one.
32. Hollow interior.
35. Member of a Siberian people living in the Yakut Autonomous Republic.
36. Old English rune that eventually became the English letter "w."
37. Group of countries in special alliance.
41. Frightening.
42. Something whose name is not known.
43. Infinite time.
45. Pulp fiction character.
46. Dressed skin of a large animal.
47. Rapturous delight.
51. Horror novel by Simon Maginn.
54. Monetary unit of Thailand.
55. Contend for superiority.
56. Role.
57. Greek muse of lyric and love poetry.
59. Tale.
60. In addition.
61. Jumble.
62. Strives.
63. Never.
64. Use up.
65. Plot of ground.

Down

1. Moderately warm.
2. Exorbitant rate of interest.
3. Casual oxford shoes made of buckskin, often in white or a neutral color.
4. Someone who copies the behavior of another.
5. Dense elaborate spider web that is more efficient than the orb web.
6. Central stage.
7. Jokes.
8. Extreme leftist Greek terrorist group.
9. Monetary unit of Japan.
10. Business visitor.
11. Referring to the olive.
12. Building in which a single family lives.
13. Formerly.
21. Solely.
22. Game that was popular from the early to mid-1990s.
24. Buddies.
25. Abrasive mineral.
26. U. S. liquid unit equal to 16 fluid ounces.
28. Completely.
29. Inspires with reverence.
30. Family of young animals.
31. Motorcycle trick also known as the stopple.
32. Ordered.
33. Leave.
34. Acting in conformity.
35. Make happy.
38. Water-soluble compounds with a sour taste.
39. Thread bit.
41. Cut with swift strokes.
42. Exploit.
44. Orator.
45. Repeated.
47. Was consumed.
48. Be of use.
49. Main antagonist of the Mega Man X video game series.
50. Something that is a catalyst for change.
51. Limited space of time.
52. Robust.
53. Of Gaelic.
54. Large bundle bound for storage.
57. Abbreviation for east by south.
58. Transversely corded fabric.
59. Deep, covered trench that leads to an enemy fortification.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Cajun-Fried Turkey Nuggets

2pounds boneless, skinless turkey breast cutlets, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 (16-ounce) jar cajun-style marinade
2 1/2 gallons peanut oil
2 cups all-purpose flour

1 1/2 cups milk
2 large eggs
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
*blue cheese dressing, optional

Use a traditional propane fryer, or deep fryer, outdoors away from wooden decks, in accordance with the manufacturer's safety procedures. Combine turkey and marinade in a large, heavy-duty, zip-top plastic bag; seal. Refrigerate 2 hours, turning occasionally. Pour oil into a deep fryer; heat to 350 degrees. Place flour in a large, shallow dish. Combine milk and eggs in a second shallow dish, stirring well with a whisk. Sprinkle turkey evenly with salt and pepper; dredge in flour. Dip turkey in milk mixture; dredge in flour again. Fry nuggets at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 minutes on each side or until done. Serve with blue cheese dressing, if desired.

Serves 8

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WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

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FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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CONNECT the dots

ADOPT A PET

Puck
Puck is a very handsome and affectionate 4 year old Beagle. He would make a great family pet or companion for just about anyone.

Amos
Amos is an active and friendly 2 year old with a nice disposition. He does well with other dogs and is a charmer.

HOROSCOPES

For the week of November 29, 2007

Capricorn
Fantastic, Capricorn! Fancy takes flight, and you're invited along on a wild trip. Don't forget your camera. Changes in routine turns things upside down at home.
December 22-January 19

Aries
Brevity is everything in a proposal for work. Be short and straight to the point. Aries. The less you say, the more likely you will be heard.
March 21-April 19

Cancer
Passions are fleeting. Be creative, Cancer, and find a way to reignite the spark. A glimpse into a closet reveals a surprise. Don't go snooping, or you will uncover more than you bargained for.
June 22-July 22

Libra
Party plans begin to unravel fast. Do what you can to get them back on track, Libra. A financial snafu is straightened out by an unlikely source.
September 23-October 22

Aquarius
You've never been one to follow the crowd, Aquarius, but you have no choice this week. You no longer lead the pack, and that's not necessarily a bad thing.
January 20-February 18

Taurus
Brace yourself, Taurus. Unexpected guests make for instant chaos at home. Take a deep breath and dive in. You can and will make everyone feel welcome.
April 20-May 20

Leo
Settle down, Leo. A step up in deadline is no reason to panic. You have all of the assets to pull it off quickly. A festive treat pleases a friend.
July 23-August 22

Scorpio
You've always wanted to go someplace exotic, Scorpio, and this week is your chance. Accept the invitation and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime!
October 23-November 21

Pisces
Holiday decorating gives you the itch to stirurge. Be very careful, Pisces. You have many to buy for and only so much money to do it with.
February 19-March 20

Gemini
Financial risks pay off, Gemini, and you can finally afford that present. Now you must decide if it is really worth buying or contributing the money to a worthy cause.
May 21-June 21

Virgo
Arguments are nothing without support. Make sure you can back up what you must say at home, Virgo, or prepare for your words to fall on deaf ears. Attempts to save a project succeed.
August 23-September 22

Sagittarius
Drat, Sagittarius. Miscommunication takes a toll at work. Lucky for you, there is a way to ensure everyone knows what is on the agenda at all times.
November 22-December 21

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
11/21	38	25	0.11						
11/22	25	7	0	High 33	High 25	High 26	High 23	High 33	High 32
11/23	29	4	0	Low 25	Low 19	Low 13	Low 17	Low 24	Low 17
11/24	36	24	0						
11/25	39	29	0	PM light Snow/Wind	Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers
11/26	37	27	0						

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1. Real Estate

FOR SALE, will consider land contract or rent with option, 5256 Old 27 N. Frederic. Newly renovated inside and out. 3 Br. \$99,000. 348-4252 days or 348-5256 after 5 pm and weekends. (-29-6/1)

1. Real Estate

FIVE ACRES both sides river, both sides road. Three bedroom 2 bath ranch. Two possible bedrooms plus family room, storage in walk-out basement. Pole building across road 989-348-8524. (11/08/2007t/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER 2.65 acres, wooded land w/ electric and well. Many large red pines. Adjoining state land at end of private road. Very secluded, close to proposed theme park in Grayling. Excellent building site or hunting camp location. 989-329-3249. (-15-22-29-6/1)

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/1)

14 X 70 MOBILE HOME on one plus acres. 8 miles west of Grayling. 989-348-2358. (-8 -15 -22 -29/1)

NEWLY BUILT 2X6 construction, 2 br. 2 bath, 5 miles east with public and private river access. \$120,000. 989-348-4840. (LR12/27/07/1)

2 BR CABIN, half log, knotty pine interior. Private and public river access, \$85,000, 989-348-4840. (LR12/27/07/1)

2. For Rent

NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$450, no pets. 989-348-2418. (-29-6-13-20/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06t/2)

WORKING IN THE AREA and need housing by the week or month? We can help. North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (LR12/20/07/2)

FURNISHED 2 BEDROOM 1 bath cottage with garage, in country setting 12 minutes south of Grayling. \$500 a month, first and last months rent. Credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-29-6/2)

2. For Rent

OFFICE SPACE 570 sq. ft. for lease in the Industrial Park. 989-348-6460. (9/27/07t/2)



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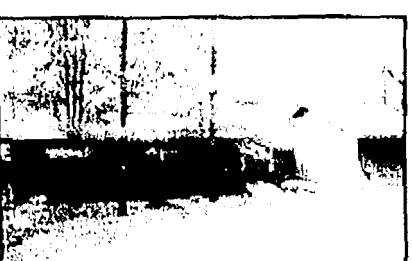
It's nice to know there's someone you can count on



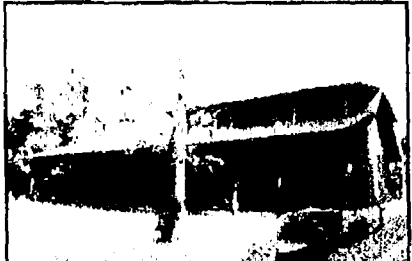
NEW LISTING
GREAT INVESTMENT PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF KALKASKA 792 s.f. with two bedrooms, one up stairs and one in lower level. Full finished basement and one car detached garage. Home offers central air-conditioning, hot water baseboard heat, and natural gas. CH-2637 \$49,900



10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL ROLLING OAKS AND PINES 792 s.f. full log cabin with unfinished interior. Vaulted ceiling, circular staircase, propane lights, and storage/sauna building. Most contents included. No well, septic, or electric. CH-2572 \$53,000



101' FRONTAGE ON ALL SPORTS LAKE Very affordable lakefront retreat! 100' of frontage on Gullie Lake. Gorgeous all sport lake with sandy beach and gradual drop-off. 1,040 s.f. 4 bedroom and 2 bath home on hill side setting. Full walk out finished basement. Home offers vaulted ceiling in great room, brick fireplace, and pool table in family room. 22x24 garage, wrap around deck, dock, and black top drive. Price includes exterior paint job. Western exposure offering great sunset! CH-2557 \$269,000

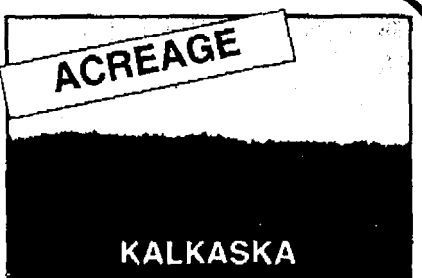


159' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER, 2,088 s.f. four bedroom, three bath full log home situated on private setting with mature white pines. Interior featuring knotty pine finish, vaulted cathedral beamed ceiling, cut stone fireplace, open log staircase, and six panel pine doors. Exterior offers 30x30 garage, 10x32 covered porch, and 10x62 rear covered porch. CH-2567 \$248,900

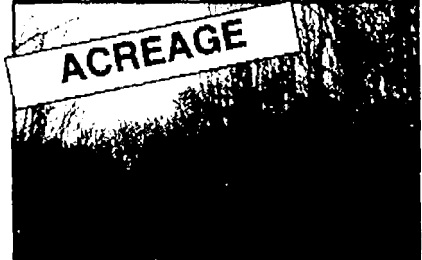
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12.38 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL ROLLING HARDWOODS Tree cover has a mixture of beautiful hardwoods. Rolling terrain. There is electricity at the road. Close to state land and snowmobile trails. CS-2424 \$29,900



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RECREATIONAL ENTHUSIAST 3 to 4 bedrooms with 2 baths. Knotty Pine tongue and groove. Security system. Detached 26 x 30 finished heated garage with 3 garage doors for easy in and out for snowmobiles. Home is furnished. Snowmobile out your door to state land and Blue Bear Trails. Secluded setting on 10 +/- acres adjoining State Land to the East. CS-2456 \$159,000

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NEW LISTING
300' of commercial frontage on busy M-72. Over 350 feet deep, 2.5 acres. Property backs up to 10 acres also listed with commercial frontage on M-93. Potential for service drive from M-72 through your commercial development to M-93. #5931 \$77,950

NEW LISTING
Cozy, charming completely furnished cottage with tons of privacy backing 1,000's of acres of state land. Bath renovated 2 years ago, new windows in the bedrooms & features its own rifle range. #5849 \$64,500

NEW LISTING
Rustic hunting cabin on fabulous 10 acres bordering state land on 2 sides. Cabin has 1.5 gas and 12 volt lighting. Also wired for power with generator (not included). Gas range and space heater. Full bath in separate bath house. Property has 120' well w/ gas pump and cistern. #5920 \$48,700

NEW LISTING
This log home offers 3 bedroom and 1 bath. While currently being utilized residentially it is an area zoned for commercial use. #5921 \$75,500

NEW LISTING
Shared ownership of 100' of frontage on Lake Margrethe. Well maintained 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with stunning stone fireplace and cathedral ceilings. Pontoon boat and hoist included in sale. #5723 \$185,000

NEW LISTING
Gorgeous country setting 2.59 acres. Large covered porch, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, back deck, breakfast bar, 2 wood sheds and more. #5854 \$169,900

NEW LISTING
4 bedrooms, 2 bath home in Frederic. Nice yard with swimming pool. Basement, great starter home...with lots of space. Large woodstove in basement that is circulated through forced air. #5778 \$59,900

NEW LISTING
Stunning 1st class home. Oak and ceramic flooring. Basement, 2 acre parcel. Oversized garage with workshop. Just gorgeous inside and out. #5879 \$157,500

NEW LISTING
Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom home near Lake Margrethe on 1.6 acres. Very nicely landscaped, many updates, including new furnace and air conditioner. Buyer home protection plan included. #5885 \$99,900

NEW LISTING
On one acre of hardwoods is this 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Master suite with walk-in closet, garden tub, shower stall and skylight. Kitchen has plenty of room and snack bar. #5881 \$79,900

NEW LISTING
Beautiful 3 to 5 bedroom home with 2 baths, full finished basement, large garage, all perched over a beautiful bend on the Manistee River. Get your fly rod, the fishing here is great. #5650 \$260,000

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New
Affordable 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with 3/4 basement. Good shape to move right into. Excellent location, close to downtown Grayling. #254005 \$68,900

New
Nice size home situated on a corner lot, ready to move into and is being sold 'AS IS'. It has a 10 X 30 covered side porch and an 8 X 15 enclosed front porch. #254050 \$69,000

Reduced
Private 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in excellent shape and situated on 10 acres with a mixture of pines and a few hardwoods, good hunting area 3/4 basement with 896 sq. ft. Available River and snowmobile trails close by. Includes 1 year home warranty. #245677 \$139,900

Residential
Within walking distance to public access and park area on Lake Margrethe. This 2 bedroom Chalet features knotty pine, cathedral ceilings, open floor plan, 2.5 garage, wood burner, kitchen appliances plus new roof in fall of 2006. #251560 \$116,500

Residential
Charming well maintained home in country setting. 1,152 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, home has been recently remodeled. 30x40 insulated & heated garage. Road maintenance incorporated in tax bill. Close to Ausable River & adjoins thousands of acres of Huron National Forest property. #256061 \$57,500

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VACANT LAND
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 Nice square lot for hunting, snowmobiling, or just relaxing in the woods. There is an older mobile that needs TLC, a well, no electric and a large white shed. #243082 \$25,000
 Lot with beautiful mature trees, ready for your Up North dream home. #239044 \$5,500
 Build, camp or hunt from this over 1 acre lot. Adjoins private common area that is next to State Land. Enjoy all the amenities of Ausable Woods with privacy of a much larger parcel. #253073 \$8,800
 Nice Building site near the East Branch of the Ausable River. Nice corner lot. #246510 \$13,500

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Crossword Answers

TUBA	CAGEY	CECE
ESUP	ORALE	ALAR
PUCE	BEGAN	CLASS
TRUCK	OWNS	PLEAT
DYS	PNEA	EPOE
BELLY	EMIGRATE	
AXIS	ALERT	LEAD
DIN	SCARY	GISMO
ETERNITY	FEEL	
HIDE	ECSTASY	
SHEEP	BAHT	VIE
PART	ERATO	SAGA
ALSO	BELEE	AIMS
NEER	SPEND	PLAT

2. For Rent

FOR RENT EFFICIENCY APARTMENT \$350 a month, \$200 security deposit includes heat, elec., cable TV, snow/trash removal. Call 989-370-1735 or 348-2137. (-29-6-13/2)

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FOR RENT UPPER DUPLEX 3 bedrooms, new bathroom. \$500 per month, \$500 security deposit, plus utilities. 989-348-2466. (10/25/07tf/2)

WAREHOUSE SPACE 1,200 sq. ft. for lease in the Industrial Park. 989-348-6460. (9/27/07tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX appliances, heat, garage \$650 a month 989-390-0027. (10/18/07tf/2)

FOR RENT 1,400 sq. ft., 3 B/R, 2 bath with 150' frontage on the Manistee River. Includes 2 car garage, gas fireplace and is adjacent to state land. \$650/month + security + utilities. No smoking. Please call Craig Hinkle for application 989-348-7440. (10/25/07tf/2)

CUTE TWO BEDROOM HOUSE, 1/2 mile from Bear Lake, \$475 a month, small pets welcome. Call 231-275-6887. (-29/2)

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MOBILE HOME 2 bedroom \$395, new paint, carpet, windows, plus utilities. One room cabin #1 \$275, includes utilities. Wooded, no pets, 11006 mobile home/11010 N. Old US 27 cabins. Lost Acres. 877-227-6976. (11/1/07tf/2)

FOR RENT 3 br, 1 1/2 bath mobile home in city of Grayling, \$550 month + deposit, no pets. Call 989-389-0417 or cell, 989-312-0609. (-29/2)

Grayling Pines Apartments

at 595 Meadows Drive in Grayling is currently accepting applications for beautiful 2 bedroom apartments. Rent starts at only \$605.00 a month. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral décor, and spacious living areas. also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For a personal showing please call Peggy at (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

**2. For Rent**

FOR LEASE will consider land contract or rent with option, 5256 Old 27 N. Frederic. Newly renovated inside and out. 3 Br, lease at \$750 month. 348-4252 days or 348-5256 after 5 PM and weekends. (-29-6/2)

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM apt, upper unit, immediate occupancy. \$455 per month plus heat, no animals. Please call 989-348-4006. (-8-15-22-29/2)

READY NOVEMBER 20, section 8 welcome. Pretty home, 3 br with family room, 2 baths, in city of Grayling. \$650 per month, 1st month plus \$650 security deposit, pet deposit. 989-390-4681. (-22-29/2)

3 BR, 1 1/2 bath trailer for rent. \$750 security deposit, \$550 per month. Newly remodeled, no pets. Contact Mychele 989-348-1854. (-29-6-13-20/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for current availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989 348-9456, for more information. (11/29/07tf/2)

1 BRAPT, \$500 per month, utilities included; 2 Br mobile, \$475 per month, utilities not included. No pets. More rentals available soon. Call 348-2466. (-29-6/2)

2A. Want to Rent

WANTED TO RENT deer hunting, acreage complete with cabin and blinds for 2-4 men, call Ken Smith in Lansing, 517-485-8654. (-29-6/2a)

3. Employment

ARE YOU IN THE market for a supplemental income through a part time job? Does your current availability allow flexibility? Leelin Home Health Care, Inc. is in need of applicants from the Grayling area. Personal care experience is helpful but not required. Are you interested in engaging in a rewarding experience? Please call our corporate office Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., 1-800-274-0100. Driver's License and vehicle insurance required. (-29-6/3)

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FULL AND PART TIME PARAMEDIC positions are available at Tri-Township EMS with flexible scheduling. Call 989-785-4841 for further info. (-15-22-29/3)

2. For Rent**3. Employment**

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HOUSE ADVOCATE, River House, Inc. is seeking candidates for a full time House Advocate position. The primary responsibilities of the House Advocate are the support of shelter residents, answering the crisis line, and performing general cleaning. Knowledge of the dynamics of trauma and an understanding of domestic and sexual violence is helpful. High school diploma or equivalent is required. Human service experience and computer skills are preferred. House Advocates work three 12-hour shifts per week which are evenings, nights and weekends. Position includes Holiday coverage. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume to Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. E-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org. Fax 989-348-0485. Phone 989-348-0570. (-29-6-13/3)

3. Employment

EDUCATION, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension-Crawford County, full-time, one year, AmeriCorps VISTA position. Responsibilities include working with local youth programs to promote citizenship, leadership and service and assist with youth peer mentoring program. Monthly stipend of \$833 and health benefits provided. Upon completion of service, a cash award of \$1,200 or an Education Award of \$4,725 will be distributed. Some college, non-formal education or youth programming experience preferred. Application deadline December 10th. Contact Crawford County MSU Extension for application (989)-344-3266. (-29-6/3)

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Please fax resume to:

Brenda Lake, Business and Facilities Manager

989-348-4380

For a confidential appointment or interview, please call: 989-344-4402

Email your resume to: lakeb@trinity-health.org

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NEED A RESPONSIBLE BABY SITTER. I live in Frederic, please call for info, ask for Roxie, 989-348-9763. (-29/4)

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5. For Sale

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62" MITSUBISHI TV, \$500; 30 gal octagon fish tank with everything, \$50; big deep freezer, \$30; set of 4 Ranger rims with tires, \$50. Ask for Roxie 989-348-9763. (-29/5)

BRAND NEW oak tv stand with tape storage, very nice, still in box \$350; new oak and glass oval curio cabinet, still in box \$200; very nice daybed \$50, call 989-348-9763. (-29/5)

FOR SALE 1999 Arctic Cat Jag Deluxe with electric start. Low miles, 2.441; new carbide runners, new Hi-Fax (green), saddle bags, mirrors, green grates on running boards. Has cover, stored inside, well taken care of, \$1,700 or best offer, 989-344-7498. (-29/5)

6. Wanted

WARREN FOREST PRODUCTS We buy standing timber and sell firewood by the loggers cord. Call 989-348-7133 during the day and leave a message. Evenings call 231-229-4845, ask for Chan. (LR12/27/07/6)

WANTED ALLTEL CELL PHONES, (higher end), 989-348-0153 or cell 989-390-3737. (-29/6)

5. For Sale

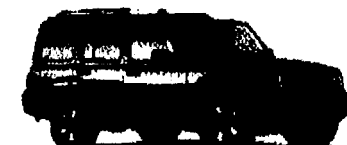
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7. Miscellaneous

FREE TO GOOD HOME, small lovable female adult cat, eight years old. She is declawed and spayed and gets along with dogs. Call 348-6400 ask for Gayle. (-29/7)

8. Announcements

NOTICE: Previous River House Clients. All program participant files will be destroyed on January 7, 2008 if there has been no service provided prior to September 30, 1997. If you would like further information about this process or are interested in receiving your file prior to January 7, 2008 you may contact River House, Inc. at P.O. Box 661, Grayling, MI 49738. Or you may phone at (989)348-3169 or (888)554-3169. (-29/8)

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07t/8)

SHAPE UP WITH CHAR Fall fitness classes for ladies. Take off the stress of the holidays. Call 348-6542. (LR12/20/07/8)

CONSIGN IN GRAYLING shop holiday hours: Tuesday/Friday 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Wednesday/Thursday 11 a.m.-5p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Closed 11-22-07, 11-23-07, 11-24-07. Weekly tag specials. (-22-29/8)

8. Announcements

ESTATE AUCTION, Dec. 1, 10 a.m., Mio. Furniture; vintage toys; postcards & paper goods; South West bronzes & prints; guns; tools; heating & plumbing; Allis Chalmers dozer; 1996 Mercedes convertible; coins & more. View online or call. Lets Talk Auction Company, 989-848-5158 or 888-468-7313. www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-29/8)

CONSIGN IN GRAYLING Resale shop will be offering appraisals by a certified appraiser on Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., a two item limit @ \$5 each. Any questions please call 989-390-4920. See you then. (-22-29/8)

PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Paws to Cherish tree lighting at 6 p.m. December 1 at AuSable Valley Animal Shelter in Grayling. Gifts for people and pets. Special drawing for a \$50 gasoline card. Photo package \$20 donation. Paws ornament \$5 donation. Help decorate and light up this very special tree and help raise funds for homeless dogs and cats. Shelter opens at 10 a.m. Shelter phone: (989) 348-4117. Send donations to: AVAS, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384. AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible. (-29/8)

20% OFF NOVELTY YARNS at Fabrics & More. 20% off hand-crafted clothing and accessories. Great for gift giving. Located next to Rochettes, 344-0986. (-29-6/8)

KRYSTAL STAR CENTER is offering \$10 off January classes in dance, gymnastics, cheer, twirling and pom poms, 348-6542. (-29-6-13-20/8)

10. Garage Sale

MULTI FAMILY SALE in the basement of the Grayling Assembly of God church, next to Scheer Motors, Nov. 29, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. only. (-29/10)

11. Automotive

1998 GRAND AM GT, 183K highway miles, 3.1L V6, \$2200 or best offer, 989-390-4047, lots of new stuff. (-29-6/11)

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